

Title of series: "The One Thing" – Part 3

"The Zaccheus Principle"

Date: January 28, 2018

Message by: Pastor Willie Taylor

A. Review

- We gave everyone two assignments:
 - 1) Ask God for the one thing **you wish that He would do for you in 2018.**
 - 2) Ask God for the one thing **He desires of you for 2018.**
- Once you think you have **the one thing** God desires of you in 2018, you should:
 - 1) Ask God to **give you the necessary grace to change your way of thinking** that has created habits.
 - 2) Ask God to **give you the necessary grace to persevere to create the new habits.**
- **We are on the 14th day of our twenty day congregational fast.**
- **I said that God wants to bless you abundantly!!!**
(²⁰ Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us,) [Eph. 3:20]
- **I said that while you are seeking God on the two questions, I think He wants me to give you four main areas that prevent Him from blessing us like He wants to bless us.**
- Last week, I gave you one area with two examples in that main area #1: **An Unbridled tongue** (not controlled or restrained).
 - 1) Speaking against one another. (James 4:11-12)
 - 2) Listening to gossip. (Proverbs 18:8)

B. Area #2 is what I call: "The Zaccheus Principle."

- Read the information about New Testament tax collectors.

- 1) Zaccheus had a heart problem.
- 2) Zaccheus was greedy (covetous).
- 3) Judas Iscariot who betrayed Jesus was in some ways like Zaccheus.
- 4) Let's go to school on what happened to Zaccheus.

- **Luke 19:1-10** (the story of Zaccheus)

- 1) **“The Zaccheus Principle”** says that: *When God changes your heart in an area, there will be a corresponding change in the way you think and act.*

- 2) **Luke 12:13-34** (15Then He said to them, “Beware, and be on your guard against every form of greed; for not *even* when one has an abundance does his life consist of his possessions.”)

- 3) **Matthew 6:24-34** (21for where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. 24No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.)

- 4) **Proverbs 3:5-10** (5Trust in the LORD with all your heart and do not lean on your own understanding. 9Honor the LORD from your wealth and from the first of all your produce; 10So your barns will be filled with plenty and your vats will overflow with new wine.)

C. Share a little about the process that God allowed us to go through.

1. Mrs. Tucker
2. My heart condition.
3. The word of God.
4. Trial and error.
 - My past thinking on giving to the church, the pastor, to God.
 - Giving but unaware that strings are attached in your mind.
5. Peter Wagner at Manna church encouraged me to start thinking differently.
6. Trusting God carries a strong impulse toward simplicity rather than accumulation.

D. Give me the grace Father to change my heart in the area of giving.

E. Call the worship team up / Closure

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