

Bay City Wesleyan Church
February 19, 2017

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Sunday Morning 02-19-2017
Accept the challenge of Jesus' invitation, "Follow me."
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Our theme for 2017
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Our theme for 2017 is Jesus' invitation, "Follow me."

These two simple words will transform every person that accepts the challenge. I pray that in the next 12 months all of us in this place, as well as those who join us, will see Jesus more clearly, love him more dearly, and follow him more nearly.

WESLEYAN LIFE Magazine
Winter 2017 The mission of the church is discipleship.
<https://wesleyan.life/magazine/winter-2017>

One of the hardest-to-get,
most-difficult-to-live-into,
toughest-to-hold-onto ideas
of the truly Jesus-like life is that
Jesus followers live for the sake of others.

TWO QUESTIONS:
When faced with a person in need, we usually ask, "If I help, what will happen to me?"
However, Jesus tells us the question to ask is, "If I don't help, what will happen to them?"

You feel rich when you experience MARGIN.

1 Timothy 6:17 NIV
Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment.

1 Timothy 6:18 NIV
Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share.

Do good to those who can't or won't do good to you because God does more for you than you could ever repay.

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Mark 12:41-44 NLT
Jesus sat down near the collection box in the Temple and watched as the crowds dropped in their money. Many rich people put in large amounts. Then a poor widow came and dropped in two small coins. Jesus called his disciples to him

and said, "I tell you the truth, this poor widow has given more than all the others who are making contributions. For they gave a tiny part of their surplus, but she, poor as she is, has given everything she had to live on."

Sermon in a Sentence:

Use money well by earning all you can, spending as little as you can, so you can give all you can.

How?

1. Earn all you can.
2. Save all you can.
3. Give all you can.

TURN AROUND POINT:

Your tendency might be to hoard because it's easier for you to trust what you can put your hands than to trust the One who provides it all. But God challenges you to earn, spend, serve, and give methodically. He wants you to create a margin to give more intentionally.

FIRST STEPS:

Determine what percentage you will live on and what percentage you will give to others.

Start where you are.

Look for opportunities to give even more.

Let's make February our Generosity Project Month.

I'd like for our church family to present our support for the Good Samaritan Rescue Mission on Sunday, February 26th, in three ways:

- [1] giving financially through a special offering;
- [2] serving by doing something; and,
- [3] food and clothing donations.

Will you join me to pray and ponder how we might commit to supporting the Good Samaritan Rescue Mission?