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- *You shall remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth,... (Deuteronomy 8:18)*
- *"One tenth of the produce of the land, whether grain from the fields or fruit from the trees, belongs to the LORD and must be set apart to him as holy. (Leviticus 27:30, NLV)*
- *Honor the LORD with your wealth and with the firstfruits of all your produce; ¹⁰ then your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will be bursting with wine. (Proverbs 3:9-10)*

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Small Group or Personal Reflection Questions:

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2. In what areas of your life are you currently financially “stressed out?”
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4. Towards the end of the sermon Scott said this; “When hunting or pursuing your destiny becomes your focus it is often about taking. This is what I want; this is what I need in order to leave my mark; to become all I want to become. When hunting your legacy becomes your focus, when what do I want to be remembered for is a focus it is often about giving.”
 - What do you think of that statement?
5. Scott said this early in his sermon; “If I were to tell you there was a way for you to find more favor, blessing, and trust in the eyes of God wouldn’t you want me to tell you? Do you want God to trust you with bigger things, do you want God to bless and show favor toward you, to have His face shine upon you? I say this with much conviction; I want to apologize to you for not talking about this more often because in doing so I truly believe I may have prevented you from additional favor, blessing, and trust from God.”
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