# Courageous Giving

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## INTRODUCTION

- When Jesus says He demands our lives, that means everything.
- If you want to reap a lifetime of eternity with God, then we have to sow a life of giving, a life of sacrifice.
- It takes courage to do something difficult, something new, untested, unproven, that leaves us feeling vulnerable.

## 1 Our Lord Truly Does Demand Everything

**Luke 14:25–33**

- If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother, and wife and children, and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple.
- For which of you desiring to build a tower does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it.
- To be the disciple of Jesus means no one and nothing comes before him.
- So therefore, any of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple.
- Just like the widow who gave of all that she had, Jesus demands all that we have.

## 2 Have I Truly Given Everything?

**Mark 10:17–22; Galatians 6:1; Galatians 6:10**

- Could I say honestly, I have given everything that I have to the cause of Christ.
- You lack one thing. Go. Sell all that you have, give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven, and come follow me.
- That I could do everything that God wants. And lack one thing through some sort of selfishness.
- Don't be like the rich young man. Don't leave for here sorrowful saying, I can't or I won't.
- If you can't trust me with simple physical requests for help, how can you possibly trust me to bear your spiritual load?
- Let us do good as we have opportunity to everyone, especially even those of the household of faith.

## 3 Do I Even Care?

**Mark 12:44; Matthew 13:44–46**

- If I realize I haven't given everything, and that is a lofty standard. Do I even care?
- She was all in. Unlike the rich young man, there was nothing that stood in between her and her Lord.
- The only thing that determines whether or not I will do better is if I even care.
- Then in his joy, he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.
- Is the king in the kingdom of heaven worth my life? That's the question we all have to answer.

THE CHALLENGE

**The question that I want to leave everyone with this morning is if I care about my God, have I given everything?**

MY NOTES