

# **“Under the Windows” Sermon Series**

Sunday, October 15, 2023 @ 10:30am

## **Character Discovered from the Stewardship of Life**

“Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse...test Me now in this,” says the Lord of host, “and see if I will no open the windows of heaven for you and pour out for you a blessing until it overflows.” – Malachi 3:10

## **Climbing down from Selfish to Selfless!**

**Luke 19:1-10:** *“He entered Jericho and was passing through. And there was a man called by the name of Zaccheus; he was a chief tax collector and he was rich. Zaccheus was trying to see who Jesus was, and was unable because of the crowd, for he was small in stature. So he ran on ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree in order to see Him, for He was about to pass through that way. When Jesus came to the place, He looked up and said to him, “Zaccheus, hurry and come down, for today I must stay at your house.” And he hurried and came down and received Him gladly. When they saw it, they all began to grumble, saying, “He has gone to be the guest of a man who is a sinner.” Zaccheus stopped and said to the Lord, “Behold, Lord, half of my possessions I will give to the poor, and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will give back four times as much.” And Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to this house, because he, too, is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost.”*

## **Spiritual transformation changes the motives and the methods of our giving!**

The Realities of Giving...

- The Reality of a life transformed
  - A grown man became childlike. (2-4)
  - A seeking man became a found man. (5)
  - The host became the guest. (6)
  - A little man became a big man. (7, 8)
  - A poor man became a rich man. (9, 10)

What can learn from the life stewardship of Jesus...

- The reality of life stewardship
  - Fulfilled the objective of the gospel.
  - Establishing relationship with sinners.
  - Demolishing religion and erecting righteousness.
  - Investing time and fellowship with saved sinners.
  - Growing people to His standard of character.

What can we learn from the life stewardship of Zacchaeus...

- Testify to transformation.
- Renounce worldly values.
- Demonstrate the character of Christ.