

SEPTEMBER 27

## “GIVING MAKES ME WEALTHY, NOT RICH.”

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### READ

*Luke 6:38, Matthew 17:24-26, and 22:15-22*

Caesar ruled the world in Jesus' time. When Jesus went into a city His enemies did everything they could to try to make Him look like a traitor. So, one day, by trickery, they came to Jesus and asked, "Is it lawful to pay taxes?" Jesus, smarter than everyone, said, "Let me see a coin." He took the coin and He held it up asking, "Whose inscription is on this coin?" And they said, "Caesar's." Jesus said, "Then give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar, and give to God what belongs to God." Caesar's currency was the only resource that could buy and sell material things. In God's economy, the currency is faith and obedience. Heaven has no limit on what He can give to those who live by faith. Riches have to do with money and "stuff." But wealth has to do with assurance and peace, and having all your needs met according to His riches in glory. Your source is not Caesar. Your source is God. Jesus said, "My Father will give it to you, until it runs over." It will be put into your heart, not your wallet. That's the blessing of God; that's the riches of heaven. Be kind and generous, and watch God do the same thing in your life.

### PRAY

Jesus, all we need comes from You. Remind me when I start to fret about money, that You can provide for me in ways that I could never imagine. I am wealthy because I know You. Help me to be as generous with others as You are with me.

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