"THE OPULENT HERO"

HEROES – PT. 5

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✓ *The opulent hero …* _____

LIFE LESSONS FROM THE OPULENT HERO

1) FAITH AND OBEDIENCE _____

HEB. 11:8 (NLT) It was by faith that Abraham obeyed when God called him to leave home and go to another land that God would give him as his inheritance. He went without knowing where he was going.

2) FAVOR AND OPULENCE _____

GEN. 12:2b,3b (NLT) I will bless you … and I will make you a blessing to others. All the families of the earth will be blessed through you.

OPENING THE DOOR TO MORE

1) RECOGNIZE _____

DEUT. 8:17-18 (NIV/NLT) You may say to yourself, "My power and the strength of my hands have produced this wealth for me." But remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you the ability to produce wealth, and He does it to fulfill the covenant He made with your ancestors.

✓ *We are blessed* _____*!*

ACTS 20:35b (NLT) (Jesus): 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.' "

3 Big Blessing Mistakes

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2) RETURN _____

GEN. 14:20 (NLT/NIV) Abram gave Melchizedek a tenth of everything.

✓ *Tithing is a principle,* _____.

MAL. 3:8-10b (NIV/NLT) "Will a man rob God? Yet you rob me. "But you ask, 'How do we rob you?' "In tithes and offerings. You are under a curse because you are robbing me. Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the Lord Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven …. I will pour out a blessing so great you won't have enough room to take it in! Try it! Let me prove it to you!

3) RELEASE_____ IN YOUR LIFE (*Live to Give!*)

✓ *Give* _____

2 COR. 9:6-7 (NIV) Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

✓ *Give* _____ *MARK 14:3-5*

✓ *Give* _____

MARK 12:43-44 (NIV) Jesus said, "I tell you the truth, this poor widow has put more into the treasury than all the others. They all gave out of their wealth; but she, out of her poverty, put in everything--all she had to live on."

2 COR. 9:8, 10b -11 (NLT/LB) God will generously provide all you need. Then you will always have everything you need and plenty left over to share with others. God will give you more and more so that you can give away more and more. Yes, God will give you much so that you can give away much, and when we take your gifts to those who need them they will break out into thanksgiving and praise to God for your help.

2 COR. 9:12-15 (LB) So two good things happen as a result of your gifts--those in need are helped, and they overflow with thanks to God. Those you help will be glad not only because of your generous gifts to themselves and to others, but they will praise God for this proof that your deeds are as good as your doctrine. And they will pray for you with deep fervor and feeling because of the wonderful grace of God shown through you. Thank God for his Son--his Gift too wonderful for words.

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Digging Deeper: Small Group Questions …

- What is the most adventurous thing you have ever done?
- Share about a time in you life when your faith and obedience were really put to the test.
- What does wealth and affluence look like to you?
- How and why has God blessed you?
- Which of the three blessing mistakes are you more prone to make?
- Have someone share a "tithing" testimony.
- "Live to Give" … what does that look like to you?