

## Beacon – Week 4 – 2-25-24 – Pastor Guy

1. How are you planning for the future?
2. In what areas do you think you need to do better at planning for the future?

**Philippians 4:13-19** - *I can do all this through him who gives me strength. <sup>14</sup> Yet it was good of you to share in my troubles. <sup>15</sup> Moreover, as you Philippians know, in the early days of your acquaintance with the gospel, when I set out from Macedonia, not one church shared with me in the matter of giving and receiving, except you only; <sup>16</sup> for even when I was in Thessalonica, you sent me aid more than once when I was in need. <sup>17</sup> Not that I desire your gifts; what I desire is that more be credited to your account. <sup>18</sup> I have received full payment and have more than enough. I am amply supplied, now that I have received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent. They are a fragrant offering, an acceptable sacrifice, pleasing to God. <sup>19</sup> And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus.*

3. In verse 17 the apostle Paul says that he desires more to be credited into the Philippians account. What do you think that Paul is talking about here?
4. Pastor Guy mentioned that if you are a Christian, you have a “Heavenly Savings Account”. What are your thoughts about that?
5. What did the Philippians’ giving accomplish in the above verses?

**Matthew 6:19-21** - *“Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. <sup>20</sup> But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. <sup>21</sup> For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.*

6. Jesus told his followers to store treasure in heaven as opposed to here on earth. How do you think that we can store up treasure in heaven?
7. What do you think that treasure in heaven will look like?

**Matthew 5:11-12a** - *Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. <sup>12</sup> Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven.*

8. Do you think that there is a difference between reward and treasure in heaven?
9. How do you think that we can ‘deposit’ treasure into our ‘heavenly savings account’?
10. How can you build up rewards in heaven?

**Deuteronomy 14:23b** - *The purpose of tithing is to teach you always to put God first in your lives.*

11. According to Deuteronomy 14:23 what is the purpose of giving?
12. According to Philippians 4:13-19 what is another reason that we give?

**2 Corinthians 4:16-18** - *Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. <sup>17</sup> For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. <sup>18</sup> So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.*

13. How does having an eternal, heavenly focus impact what we do with our time, talents and treasure here on earth?
14. Are there any changes that you need to make to have a more eternal, heavenly focus in life?