# **MAKING CHANGE**

"Making a Change in My Thinking", 1 Timothy 6:17-18 January 15 & 18, 2017: Cam Huxford, Senior Pastor

Having a life-changing relationship with Jesus and His church is the best <u>change</u> you could ever make.

If God made you rich...would you be a good rich person or a bad rich person?

#### I. The <u>Side Effects</u> of Being Rich:

1. Rich people live in <u>denial</u>.

If you have an annual household income of <u>\$45k</u> or more, you are in the top 1% of wealth holders in the world!

2. Rich people are plagued by <u>discontent</u>.

The more you have the more you want.

Surveys show that the more Americans' income increases...the <u>less</u> they give away.

Jesus measures generosity by <u>percent</u>...not amount.

#### II. Changing the Way I <u>Think</u> about Wealth.

Bag mentality: actually putting your hope in money...and having bags and bags of it! Haggai 1:6 NLT

Tithing is a mathematical expectation for giving to the Lord. Tithe means <u>10th</u>...<u>10%</u> of all your income.

Malachi 3:10 NIV; Deuteronomy 28:4-6 NIV; Luke 6:38 NIV

People with a basket mentality believe that God can be trusted...that God will make ample provision for all those who trust Him. *Proverbs 3:9-10 NIV* 

People who trust the Lord and give generously make a change in the way they think that makes a <u>difference</u> in the world...forever!

Why would you put your hope in the provision when you could put your hope in the Provider?

## **Ministry Opportunities**

For the full list of upcoming events, visit CompassionChristian.com/events.

#### Journey Serve Day

### 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 21

#### The Journey Field behind The Link

We need to prepare The Journey set for storage until 2018. Join us for a serve day to disassemble the sets and organize props, costumes and supplies. Bring gloves and tools. Come all day or just for a few hours. Lunch will be provided.

#### Bumper Bag Collection Sunday and Wednesday, Jan. 22 and 25 Henderson Campus

Our Lighthouse ministry provides food and essential household supplies to families in need in our community. Choose compassion by leaving non-perishable food items, essential household supplies and coupons in a grocery bag by the bumper of your car when you come to church next week. Our volunteers will collect them while you worship.

#### **Financial Peace University**

#### 6:45 - 8 p.m. Wednesdays, Feb. 1 - April 5 | Room 203, Main Building

#### 8:45 - 10:45 a.m. Sundays, Feb. 5 - April 9 | Room 211, Adult Ministry Center

Learn practical skills for managing money from a biblical perspective in one of these nine-week, DVD-based courses taught by Dave Ramsey. Topics include personal savings, eliminating debt, investing for retirement, wealth-building and more. The courses are appropriate for all income levels and life circumstances. Sign up and purchase your course materials at CompassionChristian.com by Sunday, Jan. 22.

#### 2016 Giving Statements

Your 2016 giving statement is now available in your online account. To access it, log in at CompassionChristian.com.

#### 2016 Year-To-Date Giving and Attendance

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