You know the one I gave you this morning.

"What's my bag?"

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Robert Rughahn describes a time when he learned a lesson from a message by John Ortberg.

Giving

Reading adapted from a message by John Ortberg.
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Examine your heart.
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Luke 6:19-21

"You must be clear in your mind that this is a sacred task. This is a solemn task. This is a sacred task." — Luke 6:19-21

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1 Timothy 6:6-10

Deuteronomy 8:6-18

asked of us?

I Corinthians 9:6-15 is a classic text on Christian Giving.

2. Scripture does not ask us to literally abandon all our possessions and material resources—be different if you really believed that?

Hebrews 13:5

1 Timothy 6:9-19

How would your lifestyle—and especially the use of your money—be different if you really believed that?
as I have given to thee. 

The best of all—take it! He knows. Such 

cut the daughter Adah, and afterward of her treasurer to 

Consider once again the words Robert Fulghum used to 

On a scale of 1 to 10, how close are you to really believing the 

In what ways have you measures shielded your heart—either 

Put into your own words the promise of the last part of that 

Session?

The righteousness (Matt. 6:33) with respect to money and possessions. 

What do you think it means to seek first God's Kingdom and 

In what ways, if any, have you experienced the fruits of this 

What can Jesus' words in Matthew 25:34-40 help you assess 

Possibly or neglected? 

This reveals about the preoccupations of your heart. 

honest look over the past year, what do you material things 

we both reveal our heart and shapes out our heart. Taking an 

The reading suggests that what we do with our material things 

passage? 

5. What truly value in your life these days?
to Jesus with respect to all that you treasure.

What would it take for you to genuinely say those words back

hinge on the cross. What thoughts and feelings does that stir?

Reflect for a moment on Jesus' saying those words to you as he