

Chapter 14: Tie Me to the Mast*

Discussion Sheet

Scriptural Foundation: "8 And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. ... ¹¹ You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion." *2 Corinthians 9:8, 11a (NIV)*

God's Instructions: 1 Timothy 6:17-19; 2 Corinthians 9:8, 11a; Luke 12:48

1.	Can you identify any 'acquisitive streaks' in your life? What circumstances tend to develop these streaks?
2.	Have you ever tried to live by a 'fixed level spending' model? If so, what happened?
3.	Have you ever noticed positive or negative changes in your personality/character as your income/assets level increased? Do those changes reverse when your income/assets level decreases?
4.	Is there a 'mast' that you can 'tie yourself to' in order to avoid being lured by the Sirens of materialism and consumerism?
5.	Julian implies that the only proper response to being blessed is for us to pass the blessings on to others. Do you agree or disagree?
6.	Is God's generosity to you mirrored in your 'generosity' to God? How will you be more generous to God and others this week?
7.	To Do List:

Free Resources:



VIDEO CLIP: *Tie Me to the Mast* - filmed onsite beside the Aegean Sea in Turkey. View or Download for free at **www.faith-vs-finance.org**

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^{*} To be completed after reading Chapter 14 of *HELP! I've Been Blessed!* by Julian Archer.