

Sermon Study

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War on Money/Materialism
Matthew 19:24; 1 Timothy 6:10

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WAR ON MONEY



AUTHOR'S NOTES (summary of key points for this study)
Let's talk about money. Fifteen percent of everything Christ said relates to money or finances. That's more than His teachings on heaven and hell combined. Money is neither good nor evil. God often entrusts us with financial resources and monetary blessings that He commands us to manage in a way that brings Him glory and honor. This management and stewardship should reveal our love and obedience to the Father. Unfortunately, money becomes a tool for evil when we're tempted to store up wealth for ourselves or tempted to spend money frivolously because it makes us feel good. We in turn are not surrendered to the Lord and often act as our own God. Feelings of power and pride creep in, and these are hard to root out. The solution is developing new financial habits that slowly change our heart by the workings of the Holy Spirit. We learn to live for the glory of God in every area of our life, especially in the area of money. (Psalm 24:1)

Gather (your group getting to know each other)

Share a memory of how your family spent or saved money while you were growing up?

Go
(your group on mission)

Consider 1 Timothy 6:17-19. When we handle our money and possessions in a God-honoring way, what kind of an impact can this have on those around us?

Mike Baker challenged all of us to steward the cash that was distributed to everyone during the service. Discuss this challenge and how this stewardship exercise may impact your faith and this community.

Grow (your group growing as Christ-followers)

Key Scripture:

Matthew 19:20-30 & 1 Timothy 6:6-10

Discussion:

1. Have someone open the group in prayer.
2. Why do you think Jesus and the New Testament writers spent so much time addressing money and wealth?
3. As a group, read Matthew 19:20-30. How does Jesus instruct the rich man and His apostles regarding their possessions and money? Why is it so crucial for Christ-followers to learn this way of living?

4. Is it hard or easy for you to think about the future reward and inheriting eternal life, as described by Jesus in Matthew 19:28-30? Explain.

5. Have someone read 1 Timothy 6:6-10. Why is contentment so interwoven with our relationship to God? What are some of the consequences of never learning to be content?

6. Discuss as a group the differences between stewardship and ownership. Why is this understanding crucial when it comes to the way we choose to handle our finances?

7. Mike Baker talked about living generously. How does a lifestyle of generosity impact our spiritual growth as we walk with Christ?

Give
(your group serving each other)

When it comes to money and materialism, where are you vulnerable? Are you taking any next steps? How can the group support and encourage you?