



PART 3: MONEY POSSESSIONS AND ETERNITY

Sermon Notes

Text:

Intro:

“Change your TV; change your life” ~Sharp Electronics

Real life change begins with an encounter with Jesus

1 Timothy 6:10

How money changes the way we think and behave (http://www.huffingtonpost.ca/entry/psychology-of-wealth_n_4531905)

1. Even fake money can make people behave with less regard for others.
2. Drivers of luxury cars are four times less likely than those in less expensive vehicles to stop and allow pedestrians the right of way.
3. People more likely to lie or behave immorally after merely being exposed to money-related words.
4. Wealthier children tend to be more distressed than lower-income kids, and are at high risk for anxiety, depression, substance abuse, eating disorders, cheating and stealing.

5. People of lower income tend to assume that wealthy people are less moral, and more greedy.
6. There is no correlation between money and happiness.

Jesus wants to change the game when it comes to how we think about and use money.

Matthew 19:16-26

“I think everybody should get rich and famous and do everything they ever dreamed of so they can see that it's not the answer.” ~Jim Carey

Luke 12:15

1. Money can be a barrier to your relationship with God

The one thing you can't live without is the one thing that is most likely to keep you from Jesus.

Jesus clearly teaches that one of the best ways to free yourself from the power money has over your life is to give it away in heaps.

1 Corinthians 4:7

2. Jesus invites us to make a more secure investment

Generosity with the currencies of earth leads to accumulation of the currencies of heaven.

Acts 20:35

Conclusion:

2 Corinthians 8:9

Life Group Discussion

Warm up:

1. What stood out to you about Sunday's message?
2. Why do you think Jesus spoke more about money than he did about heaven and hell combined?

Study & Discussion:

1. Read through the six points from the Huffington Post article. What stands out to you? Why does money have such an impact on our thoughts and behaviour?
2. Read Matthew 6:19-24. What are treasures in heaven, and how do we store them up? What connection does our heart have to our treasure?
 - in v. 23-24, Jesus talks about the eye in relation to its participation to peoples' greed and covetousness. He says, healthy eyes, lead to being full of light. Unhealthy eyes lead to being full of darkness. What does he mean by that? How do we keep our eyes "healthy"?
 - Why can't we serve God and money (v. 24)?
3. Pastor Dave said, "Jesus clearly teaches that one of the best ways to free yourself from the power money has over your life is to give it away in heaps." Do you agree? Why or why not?

Application:

1. In what ways is money creating a barrier between you and God? What is Jesus calling you to do in order to remove that barrier? Pray about that this week.

Prayer:

- Pray for opportunities to practice generosity.

Other Requests

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