

INTRO

- Share one thing you treasure in your life that money can't buy.

The Money Matters series explores the importance of our relationship with money in regard to our spiritual health, and how God calls us to manage the wealth, and possessions He has entrusted to us for His glory, our joy, and the good of others.

READ

1 Timothy 6:6-10, 17-19
Philippians 4:11-13

REFLECT

Stewardship and Generosity

Regarding 1 Timothy 6:17-19, Don't put your hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put your hope in God. Do good, be generous and willing to share. Lay up treasure for yourself as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that you may take hold of the life that is truly life.

Qu: How do your actions with your resources reflect your view of God? What changes might help align your stewardship with faith?

Greed and Desire

"Those who want to get rich fall into many foolish and harmful desires." These harmful or hurtful desire are not necessarily a desire for "bad" things but most often and most dangerous are inordinate desires for good things. "Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions."

Reflect on this test: "If I only had [____], my heart's longing would be satisfied."

Qu: What are the desires or possessions that tempt you to place your trust in things rather than God? How can you guard against this?

Learning Contentment

In Philippians 4:11-13. Paul speaks of learning the secret of contentment.

Qu: What does contentment look like in your current life situation? How does trusting God provide strength to be content?

RESPOND

"Two things I ask of you, Lord; do not refuse me before I die:

Keep falsehood and lies far from me; give me neither poverty nor riches, but give me only my daily bread. Otherwise, I may have too much and disown you and say, 'Who is the Lord?' Or I may become poor and steal, and so dishonor the name of my God. — Proverbs 30:7-9

The writer asks for neither poverty nor riches but only daily bread.

Qu: How can living with a daily bread mindset free you to enjoy life and be generous to others?

This week:

- Take time to reflect on where your heart places its trust: in God or possessions? Journal your thoughts and seek God's help to realign your priorities.
- Create a giving plan that reflects gratitude for God's provision. Begin with tithing.
- Before making purchases, ask: "Is this a need or a want? Will it help me glorify God or distract me from Him?"
- Discuss financial challenges and victories. Share stories of how God has provided or reshaped your perspective on money.

PRAY

Ask for God's wisdom and strength to live a life marked by contentment, trust in His provision, and generosity towards others.

Reflect on Hebrews 13:5: "Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what

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Contentment

you have, because God has said, 'Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you.'"