



June 6, 2021
Family Matters
“Finances Matter”

Jesus and money:

1. there are 35-40 **parables** found in the gospels and more than **half** of them deal with how to handle **money** and possessions.
2. In the gospels, 1 out of every **ten** verses (288) deal directly with the subject of **money**
3. Jesus had more to say about **finances** and possessions than He did **faith** and prayer combined.

“No one can serve two masters. For you will hate one and love the **serve both** God and money. **Matthew 6:24**

God vs **money**

Dangerous extremes in handling finances:

1. **Nerd** or **free spirit** -(Dave Ramsey)
2. **Spender** or **saver**

Greed: intense and selfish desire for something, especially wealth, power, or food —*Dictionary*.
Belief that it (everything, whatever it may be) is for me.

GIVE, SAVE, LIVE

Then David praised the LORD in the presence of the whole assembly: “O LORD, the God of our ancestor Israel, may you be praised forever and ever! **11** Yours, O LORD, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the victory, and the majesty. **Everything** in the heavens and on earth is yours, O LORD, and this is your kingdom. We adore you as the one who is over **all** things. **12** Wealth and honor come from you alone, for you rule over **everything**. Power and might are in your hand, and at your discretion people are made great and given strength. **1 Chronicles 29:10-12**

Honor God with **everything**

God doesn't want **something** from us, but something for us.

Giving first demonstrates:

1. God is the **owner** of everything
2. Act of **faithfulness** to what we say we believe
3. I will not be **mastered** by my possessions

Wrong motives why people might give:

1. **pride**

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2. **guilt**
3. **greed**
4. **pressure**
5. **power**

Percentage living: **give, save, live**

Giving breaks the chains that greed breeds

“So don't worry about these things, saying, ‘What will we eat? What will we drink? What will we wear?’ **32** **These things** dominate the thoughts of unbelievers, but your heavenly Father already knows all your needs. **33** **Seek** the Kingdom of God above all else, and **live righteously**, and he will give you everything you need. **Matthew 6:31-33**

Why might we worry:

1. Does God **know** my needs?
2. Does God really **care**?

John 10:14
Matthew 10:30

The choices we make **today** will impact our **tomorrow**.

Good things happen when we order our lives around God's **principles**.

Generosity protects our hearts from **greed**.

Discussion questions:

1. Why do you think that finances are such a big deal in marriage? Why did Jesus speak so much about finances and possessions?
2. How do you define the word “greed”? Can you think of a time in your life when you demonstrated an attitude of “greed”? Would you mind sharing your story?
3. What did King David have to say about our possessions and resources in **1 Chronicles 29:11-12**?
4. Explain this statement: “God doesn't want something from us but something for us”.
5. Out of the three areas that Pastor Sid talked about as it relates to finances “GIVE, SAVE, LIVE”, which of the three do you feel is hardest for you to carry out? Which is the easiest? Why?
6. Read **Matthew 6:33**. What are we to seek after more than anything else? If we do so, what are we promised if we do so?
7. What is your take away from our time this week? What is one action point that you start doing now?

Prayer: Change begins with a step. Ask the Lord for what that “one step” might be and the strength to walk in that direction.

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