



The Lens of Money

- Week One and Two Recap
1. Admit that you are rich.
 - Being rich means being grateful and responsible.
 2. Don't put your trust in wealth.
 - Nothing has a greater ability to drive a wedge between you and God than money.
 3. Since you have more time and money do more and give more.
 - Don't serve God your leftovers.

I Timothy 6:17-19

Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. ¹⁸Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. ¹⁹In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life.

1. Greed, Need or Eternity

- There is a relationship between your _____ and _____.
- What you do with your _____ will not determine if you experience heaven but how you will experience _____.
- Viewing your money through the lens of eternity is far more transformational than _____ or awareness of _____.
- When you view your wealth in light of eternity the result will allow you to loosen your grip on your _____ and your wealth will begin to loosen its grip on _____.

- The mirror called money:
- Money reveals priorities.
 - Money reveals where my trust lies.
 - Money shows what I believe about eternity.

2. Taking hdd means letting go.

- We are a culture being _____ by the deceit of _____.
- We are a society _____ to its _____.
- _____ will begin to break the hold of _____.

We are tempted to take hdd of life that is not truly life.

Luke 12:15-21, 33-34

Then he said to them, "Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; a man's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions." ¹⁶And he told them this parable: "The ground of a certain rich man produced a good crop. ¹⁷He thought to himself, 'What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops.' ¹⁸Then he said, 'This is what I'll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. ¹⁹And I'll say to myself, "You have plenty of good things laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry." ²⁰But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?' ²¹This is how it will be with anyone who stores up things for himself but is not rich toward God."

Sell your possessions and give to the poor. Provide purses for yourselves that will not wear out, a treasure in heaven that will not be exhausted, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. ³⁴For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

- Jesus considers it _____ when you make _____ decisions based on this life and this life alone.
- Being _____ towards God is the key to taking hdd of life that is truly _____.
- Being _____ towards God means _____ his kingdom first.

- Keys to being rich towards God.
1. Be a diligent _____ - work as unto the Lord; work is a pre-Fall blessing.
 2. Be a generous _____ - experience the joy of giving and reap what you sow.
 3. Be a wise _____ - save a little bit on a regular basis and let compounding interest work.
 4. Be a cautious _____ - stay out of debt on depreciating items.
 5. Be a prudent _____ - moderation and contentment are the key.

- Being _____ towards God means _____ what God prioritizes.
- Failing to live a life _____ towards God will result in total _____.
- Being _____ towards God starts by being _____ by God.