



### 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. <sup>18</sup>Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. <sup>19</sup>In 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." <sup>16</sup>And he told them this parable: "The ground of a certain rich man produced a good crop. <sup>17</sup>He thought to himself, 'What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops.' <sup>18</sup>Then 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. <sup>19</sup>And I'll say to myself, "You have plenty of good things laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry." <sup>20</sup>But 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?' <sup>21</sup>This 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. <sup>34</sup>For 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.