



"The Warning and The Way"

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INTRODUCTION

Nobody likes to talk about money, especially in church. But the bible talks about money a lot—about treasure and heart; about taxes and tithes and trust; about what it really means to be rich or poor. In fact, Jesus was so passionate about greed, he knocked over a table or two. In the temple! So we're going to talk about the power of money for two weeks...in church. And one of the biggest reasons is simply this: we love you, we care about you, and so we owe it to you. Our hope is that you will view your money differently, guard against greed, use your money to help you love God more, and experience the blessings of God.

WARMING UP

- 1 What is the biggest lesson you ever learned about money?
- 2 Who is the most generous person you know, and why?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. **Read Proverbs 4:23.** Why do you think God cares so much about our hearts?
2. **Luke 12:15** says, "Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist of an abundance of possessions." Research shows that very few people think they struggle with greed. Yet, in the bible there are 10x more warnings about greed than any other sin. Why do you think greed is such a sneaky sin? How and where do you struggle with greed?
3. **Read 1 Timothy 6:9-10.** What stands out to you most about this passage? Share an example—from your life or someone you know—where the desire/love of money resulted in wandering from the faith or being pierced with grief.
4. The Greek word for greed is *pleonexia*, which means "an insatiable desire for MORE." In what areas of our lives can this easily be true, and why do you think it is so harmful?
5. **Read Matthew 6:24.** Jesus says that money will be the #1 rival for our hearts. Share an example of how money competes with God for YOUR heart.
6. **Read Matthew 6:21.** Simply put: your heart follows your money. Perhaps the greatest power of money is this: it is the way to direct your heart. Have you ever thought about your money this way?

7. Specifically, what is one way you can GIVE your money in order to GUIDE and GROW your love for God?

COMMIT TO MEMORY

For where your treasure is, there your heart will follow.

Matthew 6:21

PRAY FOR EACH OTHER

Share prayer requests and close in prayer. Commit to praying for one another throughout the week.