

IF MONEY COULD TALK.



Week #2: "Send Me Purposefully"

- If money could talk it would say, "Don't _____ me, _____ me."
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Generosity According to Jesus:

"Don't store treasures for yourselves here on earth where moths and rust will destroy them and thieves can break in and steal them. But store your treasures in heaven where they cannot be destroyed by moths or rust and where thieves cannot break in and steal them."

Matthew 6:19-20 (NCV)

- Is an _____.

"Your heart will be where your treasure is."

Matthew 6:21 (NCV)

- Moves my heart _____.

"The eye is a light for the body. If your eyes are good, your whole body will be full of light. But if your eyes are evil, your whole body will be full of darkness. And if the only light you have is really darkness, then you have the worst darkness."

Matthew 6:22-23 (NCV)

- Gives me _____.

"No one can serve two masters. The person will hate one master and love the other, or will follow one master and refuse to follow the other. You cannot serve both God and worldly riches."

Matthew 6:24 (NCV)

- Test my _____ in God.

"So I tell you, don't worry about the food or drink you need to live, or about the clothes you need for your body. Life is more than food, and the body is more than clothes. Look at the birds in the air. They don't plant or harvest or store food in barns, but your heavenly Father feeds them. And you know that you are worth much more than the birds. You cannot add any time to your life by worrying about it. And why do you worry about clothes? Look at how the lilies in the field grow. They don't work or make clothes for themselves. But I tell you that even Solomon with his riches was not dressed as beautifully as one of these flowers. God clothes the

grass in the field, which is alive today but tomorrow is thrown into the fire. So you can be even more sure that God will clothe you. Don't have so little faith! Don't worry and say, 'What will we eat?' or 'What will we drink?' or 'What will we wear?' The people who don't know God keep trying to get these things, and your Father in heaven knows you need them."
Matthew 6:25-32 (NCV)

- Is the ultimate antidote to _____.

"Seek first God's kingdom and what God wants. Then all your other needs will be met as well."
Matthew 6:33 (NCV)

- Allows me to keep my _____ and _____ in the proper place.

Discussion Questions

1. Describe your relationship to money. Is money/finances an area in your life where God is presently asking you to trust Him? How will you respond?
2. If you were to trust God with your finances and live open-handed for a season, what good things do you think will result from your generosity?
3. What would it look like if you began cultivating a life of generosity by living your life grounded in justice, mercy, and faithfulness? If every day you committed to being kind, generous, and fair to everyone, how do you think such a life would benefit you?

Recommended Resources

- *True Riches: What Jesus Really Said About Money and Your Heart*, by John Cortines and Gregory Baumer
- *What Everyone Should Know About Money Before They Enter THE REAL WORLD*, by Joseph Sangle
- *Love Your Life, Not Theirs*, by Rachel Cruze
- *Smart Couples Finish Rich*, by David Bach

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- If money could talk it would say, “Don’t SERVE me, SEND me”

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- Is an ETERNAL INVESTMENT.

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Matthew 6:21 (NCV)

- Moves my heart TOWARDS GOD.

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- Gives me SPIRITUAL VISION.

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- Is the ultimate antidote to WORRY.

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- Allows me to keep my APPETITES and PURSUIITS in the proper place.

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