



Week #2: New Money

The Big Idea of “New Money”: The New Testament emphasizes the importance of _____.

- Money is _____.
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Luke 12:34 (MSG)

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He replied, “Mister, what makes you think it’s any of my business to be a judge or mediator for you?”

Speaking to the people, he went on, “Take care! Protect yourself against the least bit of greed. Life is not defined by what you have, even when you have a lot.”

Then he told them this story: “The farm of a certain rich man produced a terrific crop. He talked to himself: ‘What can I do? My barn isn’t big enough for this harvest.’ Then he said, ‘Here’s what I’ll do: I’ll tear down my barns and build bigger ones. Then I’ll gather in all my grain and goods, and I’ll say to myself, Self, you’ve done well! You’ve got it made and can now retire. Take it easy and have the time of your life!’

“Just then God showed up and said, ‘Fool! Tonight you die. And your barnful of goods—who gets it?’

“That’s what happens when you fill your barn with Self and not with God.”

He continued this subject with his disciples. "Don't fuss about what's on the table at mealtimes or if the clothes in your closet are in fashion. There is far more to your inner life than the food you put in your stomach, more to your outer appearance than the clothes you hang on your body. Look at the ravens, free and unfettered, not tied down to a job description, carefree in the care of God. And you count far more.

"What I'm trying to do here is get you to relax, not be so preoccupied with getting so you can respond to God's giving."

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Luke 12:13-24, 29, 33-34 (MSG)

Lie:

- God doesn't want you to _____.

For the love of money—and what it can buy—is the root of all sorts of evil.

1 Timothy 6:10 (VOICE)

Now if there is a willingness to help, give within your means. That's perfectly acceptable. No one expects you to go without or borrow to give. The objective is not to go under so others will have some relief; the objective is to use this opportunity today to supply their needs out of your abundance. One day it may be the other way around, and they will need to supply your needs from what they have. That's equality.

2 Corinthians 8:12-14 (VOICE)

Truth:

- God loves _____ and God loves _____.
- Money is a resource that helps _____ and helps _____.

Remember: A stingy planter gets a stingy crop; a lavish planter gets a lavish crop. I want each of you to take plenty of time to think it over, and make up your own mind what you will give. That will protect you against sob stories and arm-twisting. God loves it when the giver delights in the giving.

2 Corinthians 9:6-7 (MSG)

- God, what is _____ step in living a _____?

- A generous lifestyle is _____, _____, and _____.

Discussion Questions

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3. What is your next step towards a more generous lifestyle for the next 90 days?

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- Money is powerful.

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- A generous lifestyle is holy, freeing, and contagious.

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