



SERMON NOTES

THE WALK FIVE ESSENTIAL PRACTICES OF THE CHRISTIAN LIFE

Week 4 (March 14):
“Give: Where Your
Treasure Is”

Matthew 6:19-21, 24, 33; Galatians 5:16, 22-23; Luke 16:13; I Corinthians 16:1-3

I. Introduction

- A. How we handle our money and possessions is a _____ issue.
- B. Your self-control is actually going to determine who is in control of your _____.
- C. The Holy Spirit nudges you toward _____ in all things.

II. Who Do You Serve?

- A. Jesus said you cannot serve God and _____.
- B. If you want to get control of your life, especially in the area of finances, you need to seek _____ the kingdom of God.
- C. The Kingdom of God is an _____ first kingdom.

III. Planned Giving

- A. Paul wrote to the church in Corinth about how to deal with collecting money to help the Christians in _____.
- B. We need a premeditated, calculated, designated approach to _____ if we want to put the Kingdom of God first.
- C. The litmus test of our devotion to _____ is our willingness to put Him or others first in the area of our money and possessions.

Things I Would Like to Remember About This Message

ASBURY DAILY STUDY GUIDE

INTRODUCTION

Are you mastering your money or being mastered by it? Maybe it's time to adjust your approach. Instead of striving to have enough money to satisfy a me-first appetite, Jesus encouraged his listeners to have an others-first approach.

Monday: Galatians 5:22–23

How can our money be used to demonstrate the fruit of the spirit? What do the acts of the Spirit listed have in common?

Tuesday: Matthew 6:22-24

As a way to consider the principle Matthew introduces in v.24, look at the list below. If a “1” is being mastered by your money and a “10” is mastering your money, how would you rate yourself? Why? Mastered by your money – Live, Save, Give. Mastering your money – Give, Save, Live.

Wednesday: Matthew 6:25-33

Give some words that describe what you want your relationship with God to look like. How can putting God and others first in the area of your money help you take a step toward that kind of relationship?

Thursday: Ecclesiastes 5:8-15, 18-20

The writer of Ecclesiastes had watched human life closely and carefully. In verse 10, he noted the painful irony that “the money lover isn’t satisfied with money.” Verse 15 stated more poetically the same truth as the English phrase “you can’t take it with you.” Perhaps most important, he found that true joy and satisfaction in life come as God’s gift to us (verses 19-20). What lessons about love of money and wealth have you learned in life?

Friday: I Timothy 6:17-19

We said that generosity is having a plan to give. You decide ahead of time how much to give and who to give it to. During the message, Pastor Eric said, “You give from a grateful heart or you give from a broken heart.” To whom or what are you grateful? What causes or problems break your heart? What would it look like to say “yes” to those organizations, charities, or people?

MOVING FORWARD

Having a me-first mentality about money will always be a temptation. When we have an others-first approach with our money, we practice self-control and self-denial. If we want to put others first with our money, we need a premeditated, calculated and designated plan. When we do that, we will be living in sync with our heavenly Father, who wants us to not be mastered by our money.

*Answers to the sermon notes: IA) spiritual, B) finances, C) self-control
IIA) money, B) first. IIC) others. IIIA) Jerusalem, B) giving, C) God.*