



SERMON NOTES

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Sermon Series • Sep. 27 • Oct. 11
Week 3 (October 11): “Misplaced Faith”
Luke 12:16-21

I. A Cycle of Worry

- A. The word that is most associated with the term money and finance for the average American is the word _____.
- B. More money does not generate more self-control, more discipline, or more contentment and it does not eliminate _____.
- C. Consumption Assumption – The assumption that it’s all for my _____.

II. The Parable of the Rich Fool

- A. God calls the rich man in the parable a _____ because he assumes everything he had was for his own consumption.
- B. Rich toward God means _____ our stuff away.

III. Cultivating a Life of Generosity

- A. Generous people think like _____, not owners or consumers.
- B. _____ is the premeditated, designated, calculated, liberation of our financial assets.
 - Premeditated - you have to have a plan.
 - Calculated – you decided ahead of time how much to give.
 - Designated – you choose ahead of time where it is going.

Things I Would Like to Remember About This Message

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INTRODUCTION

We're all tempted to place our faith in money. We're tempted to believe that if we make enough, we'll be able to control our circumstances and create a better life for ourselves. The problem with that view is that the more we place our faith in money, the more it controls us. Scripture challenges us to look at our money differently because our lives are better when we place our trust in the One who richly provides. But how do we make that happen?

Monday: Luke 12:16–21

In this parable, God calls the rich man a fool not for being rich, but for being confused. Because he assumed everything he had was for him to consume. How do you tell the difference between planning financially for the future in a healthy way and hoarding money for your security and consumption? Is there such a thing as being too generous?

Tuesday: Matthew 6:25-34

The word that is most associated with the term money and finance for the average American is the word worry. Jesus understood human behavior and told his followers not to worry about material things of this world. How would your life be different if you were able to quit worrying about not having enough money or the money you have being taken away? How would that change your financial decision-making?

Wednesday: Matthew 6:19-24

Jesus stated that “where your treasure is, there your heart will be also,” and then pointedly added, “You cannot serve God and wealth.” Treasure in heaven, treasure by God’s standards, is the most precious item we can “collect.” Why do you think people like to collect things? What is it about collections that makes people so willing to spend so much money on them? Is this a form of hoarding?

Thursday: Philippians 4:10-13

From a prison cell (Philippians 1:13), Paul shared his inner response to gifts he had received from the Christians in the city of Philippi. His words showed how “needs” and “wants” fit together in his life, in good times and bad. In Christ, he said, he had “learned the secret to being content in any and every circumstance.” Do you believe that you could endure and even be content being poor with God’s constantly available help? Can you be content “in any and every circumstance”?

Friday: Hebrews 13:5

During the message, Pastor Eric said, “More money does not generate more self-control, discipline, or contentment.” Respond to that statement. How does it challenge your assumptions and behavior when it comes to your money?

MOVING FORWARD

Generous people do not assume everything they have is theirs to consume. They recognize that it all belongs to a loving God who can be trusted to care for them. We can break the insanity by behaving like and thinking like a giver, not a consumer.

Answers to the sermon notes: IA) worry, B) worry, C) consumption. IIA) fool, IB) giving. IIIA) managers, B) Generosity.