



Road to Financial Freedom
Luke 12:13-31, Proverbs 3:9-10, Proverbs 13:11, 1 Timothy 6:10
Matthew 25:14-30

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DAILY DEVOTION

Find a rhythm in God's word this week! Follow this 5 day plan on your own or with your group!

<https://www.bible.com/reading-plans/34840-financial-discipleship-the-bible-on-honesty>

INSPIRATION

"Greed is not a financial issue; it is a heart issue." (Andy Stanley)

ICE BREAKER

1. What is one of the dumbest things on which you ever spent money?
 2. Most of us probably don't consider ourselves greedy. Andy Stanley says, "Greed is not a financial issue, but a matter of the heart." What does he mean by this? Do you agree? If so, why or why not?
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DEEP DIVE

Read this out loud

An excerpt from the message this week:

"Foolishness with money is dangerous – to a marriage – to a family – to a career – a business."



Read Luke 12:13-31 and then answer the following questions:

3. Reread verses 12:13-19. Describe the situation and plan of the rich man. What would this plan require? What was his ultimate goal? What might be something similar that you would plan for in your life?
4. From verses 20-21, we learn the man had spent time building up riches on earth, but had not built up riches toward God. What does building up riches toward God mean and how do we do that? How might building up riches on earth interfere with building up riches toward God?
5. Read verses 22-31. What does God tell us about the worry that comes when we try to get more and more stuff or when we give away our stuff? What assurances does he provide?

Read this out loud An excerpt from the message this week:

“OK – first – we are all his servants. Our job is to do his job. Obviously, he gives us freedom to do whatever – but he trusts every one of us. We all have the same opportunity – we have been entrusted with the master’s property. It all belongs to him. This is all about trust – can I be trusted? Money is a test of trust. If you can be trusted – you will get more. It is that simple. What are you doing with what God has given you? God wants a return on his investment. He notices and he cares. At the very least – you should have put it in a bank and got something...at the very least...that is a sobering comment – this servant didn’t even do the very least. Jesus made it very clear – the third servant was not only not trustworthy – he was faithless.”

Read 1 Timothy 6:10, Matthew 15:14-30 and then answer the following questions:

6. What is the warning in 1 Timothy 6:10? How could this happen? How might you be tempted to leave God or the church with this attitude?
7. From Matthew 25:14-30, we know that the master gave each manager so many bags of gold. There were different amounts of gold given to each. When the master returned, he learned what they did with the gold and how much they had made. In the story, God would be the master and we would be the managers. What has God given to you to invest in your family, church, friends and community to tell them about him? What sort of return will you have for him?
8. What do we learn about what happens when we invest what we have been given for God? What happens to those who do not invest/use what they have been given?



Additional Study

If you have time during your Small Group or you want to study more about the message topic, read and consider the following passages:

- Proverbs 3:9-10
- Proverbs 13:11
- Ecclesiastes 6:2
- Matthew 19:16-22

NEXT STEPS

9. What is one new thing you can invest into God's kingdom?
10. What can you do to encourage someone in your group to take their first step?

PRAYER

1. After sharing your next steps, pray for the person on your left and continue to pray throughout the week.
2. Pray this week that you would be aware of what God wants you to invest in his kingdom.

SERVE YOUR COMMUNITY

Establish a regular rhythm of serving together! Below are some service opportunities.

- BENSON - Local Mission Partner is ABIDE. Contact Campus Pastor for more information.
- MILLARD - Local Mission Partner is Heartland Hope. Contact Campus Pastor for more information.
- FREMONT - Local Mission Partner is LifeHouse. Contact Campus Pastor for more information.
- OMAHA - Local Mission Partner is Open Door Mission. Contact Lyndsey Deyoe for more information.
- Or get to know your community! Seek out service opportunities in your area.