

WHO'S IN CHARGE HERE?

Making Sense – Part 2 of 3

KEY OBSERVATION #1: Money can add meaning to your life, but it is not the **MEANING** of life.

KEY QUESTION FROM LAST WEEK: To what **ENDS** do you want your life to be a means?

KEY OBSERVATION #2: Your **SELF-CONTROL** determines which one gets **CONTROL**.

“So, I say, walk by the Spirit...” Galatians 5:16

“22 The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness and self-control...” Galatians 5:22-23a

KEY TRUTH #1: Nobody wants to be mastered by an **APPETITE**.

“No one can serve two masters...you cannot serve both God and money.” Matthew 6:24

KEY QUESTION TODAY: Do you have money, or does money **HAVE YOU?**

KEY TRUTH #2: All of us are at risk of making money our ultimate **PURSUIT**, which make it our **LORD**.

“But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.” Matthew 6:33

“25 ...You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. 26 Not so with you.... 28 For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and give His life as a ransom for many.” Matthew 20:25-26, 28

“13 You call me teacher and Lord, and rightly so, because that's who I am. 14 And now that your Lord and teacher has washed your feet, you are to wash one another's feet. 15 I have set an example for you, that you should do as I have done for you. 16 Very truly I tell you, servants are not greater than their master...” John 13:13-16

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KEY TRUTH #3: When we put us **FIRST**, we eventually come in **LAST**.

KEY TRUTH #4: The ultimate test of our **DEVOTION** to God is our willingness to put Him and others **FIRST** in the area of our money and our stuff.

CHALLENGE #1: Choose a **PERCENTAGE** of your income and **GIVE** it away as soon as you get paid.

CHALLENGE #2: Pay attention to the **INTERNAL TENSION** that this creates in you.

“Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.” 1 Peter 5:7

“No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.” Matthew 6:24