

Who Do You Serve?

“If you love me, **keep my commands.**” - *John 14:15 (NIV)*

“Now these are the ones sown among thorns; they are the ones who **hear the word**, and the cares of this world, **the deceitfulness of riches**, and the desires for other things entering in choke the word, and it becomes unfruitful.” - *Mark 4:18-19 (NLJV)*

- **The World Wants You To Serve _____, And Not _____.**

“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 (NIV)*

MONEY PROMISES WHAT ONLY GOD CAN PROVIDE:

A. _____

B. _____

Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to **put their hope in God**, who **richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment.** ¹⁸ Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. ¹⁹ In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may **take hold of the life that is truly life.** - *1 Timothy 6:17-19 (NIV)*

- “God Has Blessed Me With _____ Than I _____ — I’m _____!”
- “I Will Not Trust In _____, But In _____ Who Richly _____!”

PEOPLE WHO SERVE MONEY...

1. **Never Have _____!**

“Whoever loves money **never has enough**; whoever loves wealth is **never satisfied with their income.**” - *Ecclesiastes 5:10 (NIV)*

“The rich think of their wealth as a strong defense; they **imagine** it to be a high wall of safety.” - *Proverbs 18:11 (NLT)*

2. **Find It Difficult To Give _____!**

In the midst of a very severe trial, their overflowing joy and their extreme poverty welled up **in rich generosity.** ³ For I testify that they gave as much as they were able, and even beyond their ability.

- *2 Corinthians 8:2-3 (NIV)*

3. **Have _____ In The Bank, But Little _____ In Their Hearts!**

“Better **a little with the fear of the Lord** than **great wealth with turmoil.**” - *Proverbs 15:16 (NIV)*

FAMILY DISCUSSION GUIDE

- Are you truly satisfied with your income and possessions? Why or why not?
- How does the fear of not having enough affect your ability or willingness to give?
- Read Matthew 6:24 together. Discuss what this Scripture says to you. And then each person answer the question: Who am I really serving?
- What in your life needs to change in order to trust in God who richly provides, instead of trusting in riches?
- What did God say to you through this message? What steps do you need to take to follow God's will for your life when it comes to giving BIG? Spend time this week talking it over.
- How can you begin to pray this week for God to help you to depend upon him rather than money? Pray for one another.