

WEEK 2 (August 23-29)

ORDINARY SAINTS—FOLLOWING JESUS IN EVERYDAY LIFE

Practicing Faithful Stewardship

(Luke 16:1-13; 1 Timothy 6:6-19)

Starting the Conversation

(Read Luke 16:10–13)

Money and possessions are never just financial matters, but they are ultimately spiritual ones. In a culture shaped by greed and consumption, as believers we are called to live with generosity, wisdom, contentment, and faithful stewardship. God entrusts resources to us not only for personal comfort, but to serve others and advance His kingdom. Scripture challenges us to view wealth and success through the lens of the gospel, remembering that everything we have ultimately belongs to God.

Let's Read Luke 16:1–13.

Leader: *Jesus reminds His disciples that faithfulness begins with what God has already given us. Stewardship isn't reserved for people with great wealth or influence. Every follower of Jesus has been entrusted with resources, relationships, gifts, and opportunities. God is less concerned with the size of our possessions than with the condition of our hearts.*

- Why do you think Jesus connects faithfulness in "little things" with being trusted with greater things?
 - Besides money, what are some resources God has entrusted to us?
 - Why is it easy to believe that stewardship only applies to finances?
 - In what areas of your life do you sense God calling you to greater faithfulness?
 - Jesus says we cannot serve both God and money. What are some subtle ways money can become a master rather than a tool?
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Let's Read 1 Timothy 6:6–10.

Leader: *Paul reminds Timothy that contentment is one of the greatest treasures a Christian can possess. The problem isn't money itself but allowing the pursuit of wealth to become our ultimate goal. Contentment frees us from constantly comparing ourselves to others and helps us trust God's provision.*

- Why is contentment so difficult in our culture?
 - What tends to compete with contentment in your own life?
 - How does comparison affect the way we view God's blessings?
 - What practices help you cultivate gratitude instead of constantly wanting more?
 - How does trusting God's provision change the way we think about success?
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Let's Read 1 Timothy 6:17–19.

Leader: *Paul encourages those with material resources not to place their hope in wealth but in God. Instead of using resources merely for personal comfort, believers are called to be generous and eager to share. Stewardship becomes an act of worship when we recognize that everything we have has first been given to us by God.*

- Why is it so tempting to place our security in financial stability?
 - What does generosity reveal about our trust in God?
 - How have you experienced joy through giving or serving others?
 - In what practical ways can generosity become part of your everyday life?
 - How can our resources become tools for advancing God's kingdom rather than simply increasing our own comfort?
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Closing

- Where is God inviting you to grow in faithfulness this season?
 - Is there an area where you need to choose contentment instead of comparison?
 - What is one practical way you can practice generosity this week?
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PRAYER

Lord, thank You for entrusting us with so many good gifts. Everything we have comes from Your hand, and we confess that we often forget that we are stewards rather than owners. Forgive us for the times we have placed our hope in possessions, success, or financial security instead of You. Teach us to live with contentment, wisdom, and open hands. Help us to be faithful with our time, talents, relationships, and resources so that everything we do reflects Your generosity and Your kingdom. Show us where You are inviting us to trust You more deeply and to bless others more freely. May our lives demonstrate that our greatest treasure is found in Christ alone. In His name we pray. Amen.