

MAIN POINT

What is the single most important thing about leaving a legacy with your money? Overcoming a scarcity mindset. A scarcity mentality believes that there are limited resources, uses scarcity language, hoards and protects rather than being generous, and looks for instant gratification. Luke 12:16-21 tells the story of a rich man as a warning for everyone that “stores up things for themselves but is not rich toward God.” His wealth is not the problem; it’s his heart condition. It shows the danger of having a scarcity mentality. In contrast to the rich man, we are called to have an abundance mentality. An abundance mentality requires that you: give yourself to God, act like a steward and not an owner, take a long term view, and be intentional with your resources. That is how you leave a true financial legacy.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. [Warm Up Question] What is one thing you learned about money from your parents?
2. Read Luke 12:22-31. Why does Jesus tell his disciples not to worry? How are the birds and the flowers examples for us? What should we learn from them? How do non-believers respond to their needs?
3. Define “scarcity mentality.” How do people act when they have a scarcity mentality?
4. What does it mean to give yourself to God? What areas might be difficult for people to surrender to God?
5. Define “instant gratification.” What does our society say about this? How does an eternal perspective impact instant gratification?
6. What is the difference between a steward and an owner?

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

1. How do you have a scarcity mindset? How do you have an abundance mindset?
2. What is one item or situation that you need to steward instead of own? How will this change your use of this resource?
3. What is one way you need to be intentional about your resources?