

Financial Faithfulness

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2 Corinthians 8:9 – For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sake He became poor, so that you through His poverty might become rich.

Recap:

- One Flesh – Genesis 2:24, Matthew 19:5, Mark 10:8, Ephesians 5:31
- Idols – Exodus 20:3 – Though shall have no other gods before Me. Exodus 32 – Golden calf
- Communication

Financial Faithfulness: Matt 6 / 7:9-11 / 13-14 / 10: 37-39 / Mark 8:36

Money is EASY, financial faithfulness / discipleship is HARD.

Fun facts

- Double your money example – penny double after 30 days or \$1mm today
- Sixteen of the thirty-eight parable of Jesus deal with money
- One out of every ten verses in the NT deal with money
- Scripture contains about 500 verses on prayer, less than 500 on faith, but over 2,000 verses on money.
- Americans give on average 2-3% of their Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) – ouch!

See handout of Words view on wealth and the Worlds view on wealth – discuss

What the bible says about money if money is an extension of God's gift to us:

Ownership: Pencil example – who owns the pencil?

1 Chronicles 29:1-21 (Read) Ownership and Stewardship – How David handled God's resources.

Colossians 1:15-20 All things have been created through Him and for Him!

Psalms 19:1-6 – Heavens tell of the glory of the Lord!

Stewardship:

Attitude:

Matthew 20: 1-16 Landowner paying all the same wage – last shall be first the first shall be last.

Luke 9: 46-50 whoever is least among you is greatest

1 Timothy 6:6-21 But Godliness actually is a means of great gain when accompanied by contentment.

Practical applications / Financial tips:

- Budget – give your money a job!
- Setting Goals together – annual checkup. T chart example on the board – funds now and later
- Distinguishing needs vs. wants
- Don't compare yourself with others
- Time, consistency, and avoiding large losses.

Example of a shovel vs. a front-end loader – certain machines have more ability but that does not make one machine less than the other for the time and place in which it serves its purpose.

Questions to ask yourself: From Wealth Conundrum Ralph Doudera

Did I pick my career based on how much it paid?

Must I buy things on sale?

Am I motivated by a free trip or sample?

Do I eat more food if someone else is paying for it?

Is more money my goal?

Do I react with anger when someone asks me for money?

Do I have trouble spending money even when I have enough?

Do I serve money or God and is money using me?

Great sections of scripture related to idols and financial faithfulness.

Matthew 6:19-21 – Matthew 6 is such an impactful chapter – so many topics – we can camp here the whole session if need be. Prayer, anxiety, money, giving, etc.