

# sermon discussion

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## MAIN POINTS & KEY SCRIPTURES

*Money is a test that reveals your values and priorities.*

- *Whose voice am I obeying?*
- *What perspective am I taking with money and possessions?*

LUKE 12:15-21

WAYS TO SPEND MONEY: Live – Give – Grow – Owe

#1 – SPEND LESS THAN YOU EARN

#2 – GIVE GENEROUSLY

- 1 Timothy 6:18

#3 – AVOID THE USE OF DEBT

- Proverbs 22:7
- Avoid debt because it will restrict you.
- Avoid debt because you are presuming the future.
- Remember, the less you owe, the more you can grow.

- Romans 13:7-8
- Restrict yourself NOW, or your debt will restrict you LATER.

#4 – SAVE FOR THE FUTURE

- Prioritize saving over spending.
- Proverbs 21:20
- Proverbs 13:11
- Proverbs 27:12

#5 – REMEMBER THAT GOD OWNS IT ALL AND PROVIDES IT ALL.

- Psalm 24:1
- Deuteronomy 8:18

*Whose voice will you obey? What perspective will you take with money and possessions?*

## GROUP DISCUSSION

1. Is there such a thing as too much ice cream? What's your favorite flavor and how many scoops is enough?
2. **Read Proverbs 10:4, 14:23, 20:4, and Genesis 2:15.** How do these verses describe the purpose of work, as well as the results of working or not working?
3. **Read Proverbs 23:4-5.** What does it look like to "give your attention to" wealth? Does the author mean we should not try to make a living? Explain.
4. **Read Matthew 6:19-21.** Is there anything wrong with having earthly treasures? When does accumulating earthly treasures become dangerous, in a spiritual sense?
5. **Read Proverbs 30:8-9.** What is it about being poor that tempts you to be discontent? What is it about being rich that tempts you to be discontent?
6. **Read Proverbs 27:23.** When it comes to budgeting and tracking your spending, what kind of grasp would you say you have on it? Is there anything you've found that's helped you or is an obstacle?
7. Why is budgeting an important part of being a good steward (or manager) of your finances? What step could take to grow in this area?
  - **NOTE:** *There are some great tools available today to help you track your spending and create budgets, such as [Mint.com](http://Mint.com) or [EveryDollar.com](http://EveryDollar.com) and [youneedabudget.com](http://youneedabudget.com).*

## GOING FURTHER

**MEMORIZE:** *But godliness with contentment is great gain. 1 Timothy 6:6 niv*

**STUDY:** Financial Peace University (9-wks) will teach you how to control your money (instead of the opposite). Find details at [OBCC.Church/FPU](http://OBCC.Church/FPU) or email [JustinR@obcc.church](mailto:JustinR@obcc.church) to get started.