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SEQUOIA NOTES

Today's Sequoia @10:10 Message...

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With Ryan Dawson, Lead Pastor
Nov. 8, 2015



Proverbs 22:7 Just as the rich rule the poor, so the borrower is servant to the lender.

Servant: `ebed (eh'-bed); a servant, a slave, in bondage.

Debt Stats in Canada (Stats Canada, Canadian Payroll Association)

- 51% would find it difficult to meet their financial obligations if their pay cheque was delayed by a single week.
- For those aged 18 to 29, 63% report living pay cheque to pay cheque.
- 26% say they could not come up with \$2,000 over the next month if an emergency expense arose.
- More than 50% are saving less than 5% each pay cheque.
- 79% expect to delay retirement until age 60 or older because of financial issues.
- Canadians on average spend 164% of their household income.
- 52% of households carry a balance on their credit cards.
- Each Canadian on average, carries \$26,768 in consumer debt, not including mortgages.

The Temptation of Money and Things:

We are tempted to serve money.

Matthew 6:24 "No one can serve two masters. For you will hate one and love the other; you will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money."

We are tempted to love money.

1 Timothy 6:10 For the love of money is the root of all kinds of evil. And some people, craving money, have wandered from the true faith and pierced themselves with many sorrows.

Ecclesiastes 5:10 Those who love money will never have enough. How meaningless to think that wealth brings true happiness!

We need a godly perspective on money.

Big Idea: Money serves us as we serve God.

Romans 13:8 (NLT) Owe nothing to anyone—except for your obligation to love one another. If you love your neighbor, you will fulfill the requirements of God's law.