

The Audit

God's Got Receipts

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OPENING PRAYER

God, open our hearts today to hear Your truth about generosity and teach us to trust You with everything we have.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Romans 12:2

Mark 8:36

2 Corinthians 9:8-11

Matthew 6:19-24

Proverbs 11:28

Luke 16:10-11

1 Timothy 6:9-10

KEY TAKE AWAYS

Four Ways God Views Money:

1. Money is Important - The Bible contains over 2,300 verses about money and possessions
2. Money is a Resource - It's potential for kingdom impact, not self-indulgence
3. Money is a Test - It reveals what we trust, value, and how we live
4. Money is a Trap - The love of money is the root of all kinds of evil

Big Idea: How we view money reveals how we view God.

QUESTIONS

1. Of the four practical uses of money mentioned (daily needs, helping others, supporting the church, spreading the gospel), which one challenges you most? Why?
2. **Stewardship Check:** Do you view yourself more as an *owner* or a *manager* of your finances? What's the difference, and why does it matter?
3. The sermon used the analogy of seed that must be sown or stored. Are you currently *sowing* or

storing the resources God has given you? What needs to change?

4. **Budget Reality Check:** "Your budget tells a story of what you value." If someone looked at your bank statement from the last month, what would they conclude you value most?
5. Read **Matthew 6:19–24**. Jesus says we cannot serve both God and money. What are practical signs that someone might be serving money instead of God?
6. Discuss the story of the **rich young ruler (Mark 10:17–22)**. What "one thing" might be standing between you and a deeper relationship with God?

PRACTICE

This Week's Challenge:

Choose ONE of the following action steps to complete before your next meeting:

Option 1: Audit Your Spending

- Review your last month's transactions
- Categorize spending: needs, wants, giving, saving
- Ask yourself: Does this reflect my values and God's priorities?

Option 2: Take a Generosity Step

- Identify one specific need in your community, church, or mission field
- Prayerfully give toward meeting that need (even if it's small)
- Journal about how it felt to sow rather than store

Option 3: Prayer Progression

- Spend time in prayer moving from "God, bless me" to "God, use me to bless others"
- Ask God to reveal if money has become an idol in your life
- Write down what He shows you

Option 4: Community Action

- Visit the Walla Walla Valley Hunger Relief Coalition (8am-2pm, Mon-Fri)
- Donate food, supplies, or volunteer time
- Invite someone from your group to join you

CLOSING PRAYER

God, help us live with open hands and generous hearts, trusting that every seed we sow honors You and impacts eternity.

