



MR. PIG & ME

Pt. 1: The Pig Is A Liar

Questions for further study and application:

- Day 1 Growing up, parents teach you essential life skills. Things like how to do laundry, pump gas, or even prepare a simple meal. Often the topic of how to take care of your money is never really discussed. As an adult, it can be embarrassing to admit that you don't manage your money well. It's okay though, because you can start learning now. Taking a step to talk to someone about money can be intimidating, but when you open up about it, you can make a plan for how to use it properly. Read Proverbs 15:22. What do you think gets in the way of seeking advice from someone that can help you? This week, ask God for the courage to seek wise counsel.
- Day 2 Mr. Pig is a liar. He will fool you into believing that money isn't a big deal. If you choose to ignore how to best manage your finances, then things can never change. You cannot fix what you don't acknowledge. God can't grow you when you are unwilling to accept that money is a big deal. The Bible has over 2000 verses on the topic of money and possessions. Conversely, there's 500 verses on prayer. It's easy to see that God has been intentional and repetitive about addressing this subject. Read Matthew 6:21. Where your heart is matters a great deal to God. As you go through the week ask yourself: who has your heart? Money or God?
- Day 3 Another lie that money wants you to believe, is that you always need more. Culture wants you to believe that you need something newer, bigger, or better. Don't let money fool you into believing that you need more to be happy. Read Proverbs 15:16. You will begin to experience more joy in your life with little and a relationship with your Heavenly Father versus having everything you desire and no relationship with God. All the things you have in your life are a blessing from God and what you do with them is important to Him. So, if money is a big deal to God, how can you honor Him and make it a big deal in your life?
- Day 4 Many people feel that having more money equates to stability. Do you find yourself playing the comparison game and end up feeling frustrated that you don't have what someone else has? Stu challenged everyone to go on a 7-day spending freeze and live off of only what already they have. The exception being purchasing gas to get to work or bills that must be paid. Putting yourself on a freeze will allow you to examine your mindless or impulsive spending. Read Ecclesiastes 4:6 NIV. Tranquility always trumps toil. During your spending freeze dial into how simple and stress-free your life becomes. Be intentional about money you don't spend. Use it to help pay down a debt or bolster your savings account.
- Day 5 The third lie money wants you to buy into is that your money is in charge. It wants you to believe that it's the boss of you. Do you know where every dollar you earn goes each month? Read Proverbs 21:5. If you get to the end of the month and you have no idea where your money has gone, then money is your boss. At the beginning of each month, you need to create a budget that details where every dollar is going to be spent. There are free budget tools on-line as well as resources that have a fee attached. Find the one that makes sense to you based on your monthly expenses. Now is the time to take charge of your money, and stop letting your money manage you.

What's New?

The Big Splash will be on Sunday, November 5, at our Newport News Campus at 2:00 PM. This is the perfect way for elementary aged kids to learn about baptism. Sign up today at watersedgechurch.net/thebigsplash.