



DSchool 3.0

5-month school with prerequisites

Fall 17 School **Spring 18 School**

Aug - Jan

Feb - July

Tuesday nights
deadline: 7/15

Sunday late afternoons

<http://epicentrechurch.org/dschool>





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2,350 verses on money

almost half of Jesus' stories were about money

Jesus said more about money than prayer, faith, heaven and hell combined

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Open Hands

trusting God with our finances

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- we can say to Jesus and not follow through financially (rich young ruler)
- we can be sinners that show we have faith by how we live and give (Matthew, Zaccheus)
- "But all too quickly the message is crowded out by the worries of this life, the lure of wealth, and the desire for other things, so no fruit is produced." Mark 4.19

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because God
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having so much
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don't have to
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any more



having a
spirituality that
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Matthew 6

¹⁹ “Don’t store up treasures here on earth, where moths eat them and rust destroys them, and where thieves break in and steal. ²⁰ Store your treasures in heaven, where moths and rust cannot destroy, and thieves do not break in and steal.

don't treasure your treasure on earth
treasure your treasure in heaven

“that's a yard
sale item”

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Each person ultimately chooses one or the other

What we focus on leads to what is in our heart

It is an act of faith and defiance to place the desires of our heart on treasure in heaven instead of on earth

Beware of "micro-treasures"

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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.

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²⁵ “That is why I tell you not to worry about everyday life—whether you have enough food and drink, or enough clothes to wear. Isn’t life more than food, and your body more than clothing? ²⁶ Look at the birds. They don’t plant or harvest or store food in barns, for your heavenly Father feeds them. And aren’t you far more valuable to him than they are? ²⁷ Can all your worries add a single moment to your life?”

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Worrying is a waste
of time and energy

And it saps our
focus from God

We can’t go on this great adventure
with worry in our backpack

Matthew 6

²⁸ “And why worry about your clothing? Look at the lilies of the field and how they grow. They don’t work or make their clothing, ²⁹ yet Solomon in all his glory was not dressed as beautifully as they are. ³⁰ And if God cares so wonderfully for wildflowers that are here today and thrown into the fire tomorrow, he will certainly care for you.

God will take care of
his dear children

Matthew 6

Why do you have so little faith? ³¹ “So don’t worry about these things, saying, ‘What will we eat? What will we drink? What will we wear?’ ³² These things dominate the thoughts of unbelievers, but your heavenly Father already knows all your needs.

³³ Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need.

Distinguish between your needs and your wants

Fight discontentment

Yet true godliness with contentment is itself great wealth. After all, we brought nothing with us when we came into the world, and we can’t take anything with us when we leave it. So if we have enough food and clothing, let us be content. 1 Timothy 6.6-8

Practicals

“increase my
trust in you
and free me
from my
worry”

This month, I
will buy for
needs, not
wants

This month, I
will live by
what I should
afford instead
of what I can
afford

Practicals

- eat simply so others can simply eat
- drive simply so others can simply drive
- wear simply so others can simply have clothes to wear
- save to give, not to hoard

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Response

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ask God who to
give to