

On the Money 03: "I am Rich"
Luke 12:13-21

February 25, 2024

Main Idea: Being rich toward God is the priority; not rich toward self.

A Life Issue

The truth is, the Bible says that money problems spawn other problems and are always related to heart problems. "On the Money" is about what's happening in your heart – a heart issue, not a money issue. Money is a life issue, not a church offering issue. Jesus said, "Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also" (Luke 12:34). In other words, solve this problem and we solve other problems. That's why we address this in church.

2 Disturbing Q's

Q1: Why is the experience so different between giving \$1000 and spending \$1000?

Q2: Why do we always compare up financially, and down morally?

We know that giving is better than getting. We know that gratitude is more godly than envy or greed. We also know that we should be working toward strengthening our faithwalk and that complacency is wrong. We have it backwards.

Jesus – Spiritually Rich

The object in life according to Jesus is breathtakingly simple: **Be Rich toward God.** You have already acquired more than 70% of the world. How do you fare in light of this standard?

Rich toward God means...

1. ...growing a spirit that is increasingly healthy and good.
2. ...loving and enjoying the people around you.
3. ...doing good work to improve the world.
4. ...becoming generous with your stuff.
5. ...making that which is temporary the servant to that which is eternal.

No Thank You – The world does not live by this standard. The data does not lie. In America...

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| 1. We spend it... | | 1. You earn it... |
| 2. We earn it... | | 2. You give it... |
| 3. We repay it... | Instead, try this... | 3. You save it... |
| 4. We save it... | | 4. You repay it... |
| 5. We give it. | | 5. You enjoy it... |

Family Night Big idea – Read Luke 12:13-21. The idea you want to impress upon your children is that spiritual wealth (being rich toward God) is much more valuable than material wealth.

- **Elementary School** – Ask, "How did God bless the man in the story? What did the man decide to do for himself? What did God tell the man at the end of the story?"
- **Middle/ High School** – Ask, "What about the man's response to God's blessings reveals his selfishness? What does being 'rich toward self' mean? How can we be rich toward God?"

Prayer "Father, help us not become selfish, but work to become rich toward You. Amen."

Velocity (Middle and High School Students)

Velocity: At the church this Wednesday, Feb. 28th.

Gravity: Yes! In the Community Room.

Today's Songs

- Awesome is the Lord Most High*.....Chris Tomlin
Goodness of God.....Bethel Music
Lead me to the Cross.....Hillsong

Women's Event

Last day to sign up to see Priscilla Shirer live in Athens for her "Going Beyond" Event. The date is August 24th. Total cost is \$170 and that includes ticket and hotel. You can register at the Welcome Desk in the Lobby.

Kenya Mission Trip

We are putting together a team to travel to Mission Thome in July. If you are curious about Mission Thome and what it is like to travel there, you are welcome to attend a meeting between the services TODAY in the Lobby.

Mother/Son Basketball Game

All tickets are sold.

Baptism

Our next Baptism Service is March 17th. Please use the Communication Card if you are interested or have questions.

Kenya Communication

Letters will be mailed this Thursday.