

The Good Life

Money and Generosity

TALK IT OVER

Key Scripture

"9 Honor the Lord with your wealth and with the firstfruits of all your produce; 10 then your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will be bursting with wine." Proverbs 3:9-10 (ESV)

"Treasures gained by wickedness do not profit, but righteousness delivers from death." Proverbs 10:2 (ESV)

"A rich man's wealth is his strong city; the poverty of the poor is their ruin." Proverbs 10:15 (ESV)

"24 One gives freely, yet grows all the richer; another withholds what he should give, and only suffers want. 25 Whoever brings blessing will be enriched, and one who waters will himself be watered." Proverbs 11:24-25 (ESV)

"Whoever trusts in his riches will fall, but the righteous will flourish like a green leaf." Proverbs 11:28 (ESV)

"The plans of the diligent lead surely to abundance, but everyone who is hasty comes only to poverty." Proverbs 21:5 (ESV)

"19 'Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, 20 but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. 21 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. 22 'The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is healthy, your whole body will be full of light, 23 but if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness! 24 'No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.'" Matthew 6:19-24 (ESV)

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Start Talking: Find a conversation starter for your group. (15 Min)

- Are you a spender or a saver?
- If you won the lottery, what would you do with it?

Head: Start Thinking. Ask a question to get your group thinking. (10 Min)

- Read Proverbs 3:9-10, 10:2, 10:15. What is more valuable than treasure? Why do you think that is?
- Read 11:24-25. How does giving help you to gain more?
- Read 11:28. What should we be trusting instead of riches? Why?
- Read Matthew 6:19-24. How might one build up their riches in Heaven?

Heart: Start Sharing. Choose a question to create openness. (10 Min)

- Have you ever been in a situation where money was tight or you weren't sure how you were going to pay for something? What helped you through it?
- What is your strategy for saving money?
- Why do you think we are called to be generous?
- How has God been generous to you in your life?

Hands: Start Doing. Commit to a step and live it out this week. (10 Min)

- What can you do this week with your money that will Honor God? If you don't trust God with your money, do you truly trust him?
- How might God be calling you to trust Him more this week?

Start Praying. Be bold and pray with power. (15 Min)

- Father, we thank you for all Your good gifts and we pray that we can give back a little of what you give us. Help us to put our trust in You and not in our money. In Your name we pray! Amen.

Trios: Split into same-gender groups of three. (15 Min)

1. What has God been teaching you in His word this week? Is there anything you need to repent of?
2. What's something you'd like someone else to check in with you about this week?
3. How's your weekly 3-2-1 challenge going? (3 Conversations with New People, Learn 2 Names, Make 1 Meaningful Connection)
4. Pray for one another.