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BIBLICAL FREEDOM FROM THE MONEY TRAP



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Luke 16:1-14

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I tell you, use your worldly resources to benefit others and make friends. In this way, your generosity stores up a reward for you in heaven. Luke 16:9 (NLT)

2. My money reveals my _____.

“Unless you are faithful in small matters, you won’t be faithful in large ones. If you cheat even a little, you won’t be honest with greater responsibilities. And if you are untrustworthy about worldly wealth, who will trust you with the true riches of heaven? And if you are not faithful with other people’s money, why should you be trusted with money of your own?” Luke 16:10-12 (NLT)

For the love of money is the root of all kinds of evil. And some people, craving money, have wandered from the true faith and pierced themselves with many sorrows. 1 Timothy 6:10 (NLT)

3. My money identifies who I _____.

“No one can serve two masters. For you will hate one and love the other, or be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.” Luke 16:13 (NLT)

Teach those who are rich in this world not to be proud and not to trust in their money, which is so unreliable. Their trust should be in God, who richly gives us all we need for our enjoyment. Tell them to use their money to do good. They should be rich in good works and generous to those in need, always being ready to share with others. By doing this they will be storing up their treasure as a good foundation for the future so that they may experience true life. 1 Timothy 6:17-19 (NLT)



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DISCUSSION
QUESTIONS
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[CONNECT]

There are 2 kinds of people... those who regularly use their blinkers and those that don't. Which are you? What other driving idiosyncrasies do you have?

[ENGAGE]

What stood out and impacted you from the message this weekend?

[GROW]

How do you feel about this series at what God's Word has to say about finances and resources? Does it make you anxious? Fearful? Ashamed? Excited?

Read Jesus' parable again from Luke 16:1-14. What challenges you about this parable? How does Jesus use this story to expose our own hearts and motives?

Shrewd means "Astute. Keen. Using every means possible to obtain what is desired." How can we be "shrewd" about what God has given us in obtaining eternal things in life?

At the end of this parable, it says "...the Pharisees (religious leaders), who dearly loved their money, heard all this and scoffed at him." Why do you think they scoffed and dismissed Jesus words? How do we take Jesus' teaching about our resources and not scoff (or minimize or diminish)?

Read Luke 16:13 again. How does my money identify who I serve and worship? How can we take our resources and serve and honor and worship God with them?

[LEAD (YOURSELF)]

Take some time to pray and really seek God's heart around this area of possessions, finances, and resources. Identify and write down one small step to honor Him with what you've been given.