



A Generosity Road Map

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Discuss: Did your parents give you any training in money management? If any, what impact did it have? What perspectives regarding money did you catch from their attitudes and behaviors, positive or negative?

God devotes twice as many verses to money than to faith and prayer combined. Jesus spoke more on money than both heaven and hell.

[Q] Read Matthew 6:21. Why is money and possessions such a big topic with God?

The Blessings of Wealth

[Q] Read Deuteronomy 8:10-18. What specifically does God want us to remember in the midst of material blessings?

Moreover, when God gives someone wealth and possessions, and the ability to enjoy them, to accept their lot and be happy in their toil—this is a gift of God. Ecclesiastes 5:19 (NIV)

[Q] Why does God provide wealth according 1 Timothy 6:17-19?

verse 17

verse 18

verse 19

What is the warning?

The Curse of Wealth

Greed is "a desire for more" for me! Generosity is a desire for more for others!
— Pastor Jay Abramson

Read 1 Timothy 6:6-11.

[Q] What are the dangers of greed? What is contentment an indicator of?

Read Luke 12:13-21.

[Q] How can we identify greed in ourselves? (And why is it so difficult to see?)

God's Plan

[Q] What does it mean to be rich towards God (Luke 12:21)?

[Q] Describe the qualities of God's grace and generosity from the following passages:

Jeremiah 29:11-13

2 Corinthians 8:9

Philippians 2:5-11

Apply

[Q] God has entrusted you with time, money and possessions. What is one action step you can take this week to be a generous manager?

Pray

...for opportunities to BLESS people who need Jesus:

Begin with prayer, **L**isten, **E**at with, **S**erve, **S**hare your Story with those God has put in your life.
