



Discussion

Talking through the message helps you to turn what God is saying to you into action steps. Begin with the key discussion question, the privately answer the personal reflection questions. Then, conclude by deciding on your next steps.

The Main Idea:

Money belongs to God and is given as a gift to make us wealthy. By using our wealth, we can support the work of God, investing in the Kingdom for the glory of God.

Key Questions for Discussion (to discuss in groups):

1. What are the necessities of life when it comes to possessions (be specific, i.e. if you decide that a car is a necessity, what type of car?)
2. List these necessities in the left hand column
3. Decide what type of necessity this is (i.e. work, housing etc)
4. Decide who this primarily benefits using these terms "Me", "Ministry", Missions ****

| Necessities | What type of need is this? | Primary Beneficiary |
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5. Read Colossians 3:2. Is there a danger that we define what "necessities" are because we have earthly thinking? How might we be able to discern between earthly and heavenly thinking?

6. Read Ephesians 2:10. How does Paul link God's purpose for us and our responsibility to do it? How should this manifest itself in our attitude towards money?

7. Read & Discuss 1 Corinthians 16:2. Identify who the wealthy are, and who the one in need is. How does principle transfer to the local church? Reword Paul's instructions.

8. Read Mark 12:17. How does Jesus answer the question about tithing? How do we render to God money that is owed to God?

9. Read Mark 4:19. What makes the Word of God unfruitful? What makes wealth deceitful?

For Personal Reflection (to do at home):

- Using your journal (or a piece of paper) triangulate 1 Timothy 6:17-19. What are the things that are true about God and true about your situation. What is the faith response to these things?
- Use the A.C.T.S. prayer method to write out your prayer, as it regards wealth.
- When was the last time you made an inventory of your spending? What is necessary? What is unnecessary? How much did you give to God what was owed last month?

For the purpose of this discussion please use the following definitions:

- Me - yourself or anyone in your immediate family home who is a dependent
- Ministry - Calvary or other local church
- Missions - Compassion UK, IJM, Pamoja Charity, personal missionary support