

# “More Than Money”

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Suburban Legend: Giving is about money.

Truth: Giving is not about money, it's about relationships.

Losing perspective can be very \_\_\_\_\_ and spiritually confusing.

- 1<sup>st</sup> Timothy 6:9-10 (page 1850)
- *For men who set their hearts on being wealthy expose themselves to temptation. They fall into one of the world's traps, and lay themselves open to all sorts of silly and wicked desires, which are quite capable of utterly ruining and destroying their souls. For loving money leads to all kinds of evil, and some men in the struggle to be rich have lost their faith and caused themselves untold agonies of mind.*  
(Phillips Paraphrase)

Why does the Bible make such a big deal about money?

- Money very often reflects our \_\_\_\_\_ and it is often a \_\_\_\_\_ that lets us know what our heart is really about.

Two Basic Perspectives

Money can be 1) a \_\_\_\_\_ of our heart or  
2) a \_\_\_\_\_ of our heart.

- Be Careful: Revelation 3:14-17 (page 1917))

Three Good Markers

- John 6:8-11 (page 1656)
- Luke 21:1-3 (page 1635)
- Mark 14:1-9 (page 1578))

A Self-Report Inventory

- Does our giving \_\_\_\_\_ others in the name of Christ?
- Are we giving \_\_\_\_\_?
- Do we give \_\_\_\_\_ simply out the love we have for Christ?

Giving might involve money, but it is not ultimately about money. Giving is about our \_\_\_\_\_ with God and how that impacts our relationship with money.

One Final Question: \_\_\_\_\_?

- “The great use of life is to spend it on something that will outlast it.” William James
- “What good will it be for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul?” Jesus
- “Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.” Jesus

II Corinthians 8:1-5

Talk it over...with your friends, family, or  
Growth Group.

*Talking through the ideas presented in Sunday's message helps us apply God's word to our individual lives. These questions are designed to help you put His words into action in your life this week.*

What is your main "take-away" from this week? How do you plan to live that out?

How would you assess your personal priorities at this time in your life? Would those close to you conclude that you have the same priorities as they observed your life?

Read over the various scriptures presented in this week's sermon and write out some thoughts about what God might be teaching you. (Note: these might be different than what was presented in the sermon.)

What is the biggest struggle you face when it comes to trusting God with your finances?

How do you know that God loves you?

