

“American Idols”

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Luke 12.13-21

What’s an idol anyway?

- We make something an idol when we expect it _____ what only God can do.

What’s going on in this story?

- There’s a problem _____.
- When our brokenness _____ we make idols.

Why do we have money?

- Money is a tool we should use to _____ and to _____.

What’s this have to do with me?

- We are all _____ - we all have a _____.
- The only solution to that problem is the _____ (Matthew 11.28)
- When the _____ our brokenness doesn’t push us to make idols.
- Instead, God’s Spirit can empower us to use _____.

How can we use \$ wisely?

1. We need to _____ that money will always have the potential to trip us up.
Greed is hard to see because we have a tendency to “_____”.
2. We need to be _____ against greed in our lives. (Luke 12.14)
3. We need to _____ about investing in God’s work on earth. (Luke 12.21)

What is God calling you to do with what you've heard today?

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.

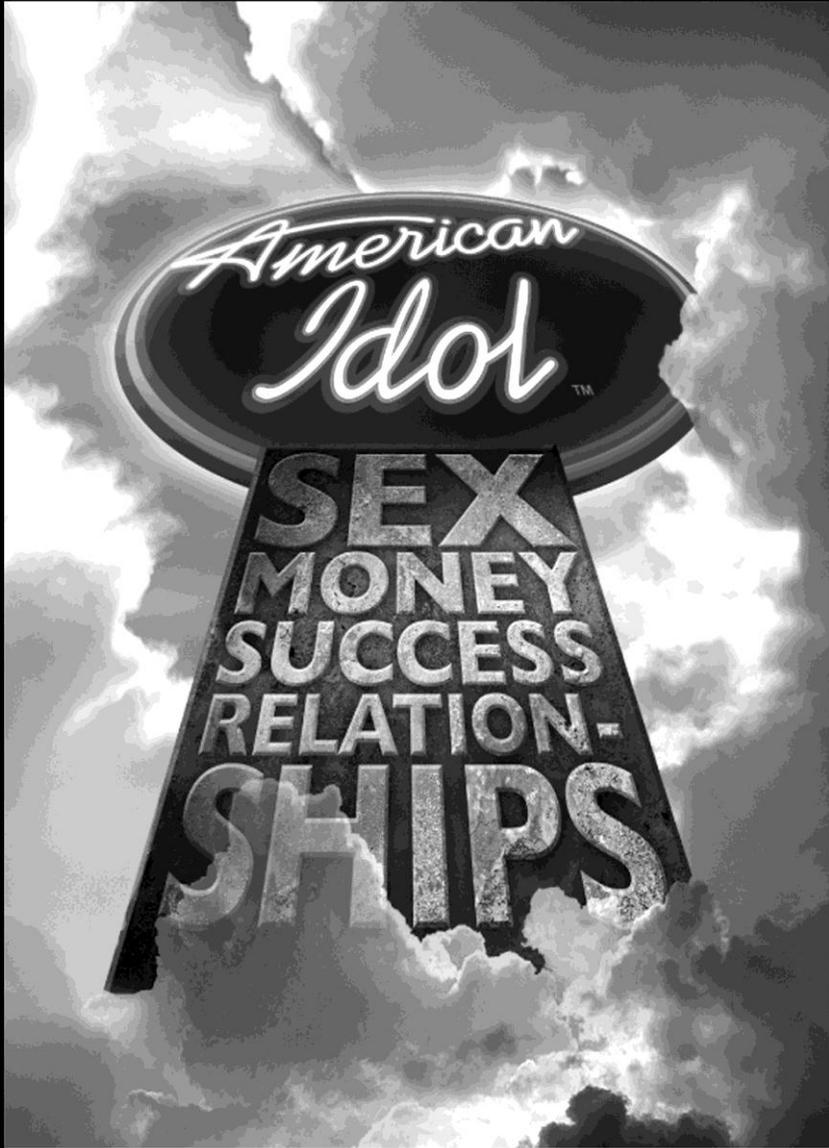
- At one point Mike mentioned that the actions taken by the rich man line up pretty well with advice that a financial planner might give you today. Do you see any problems with what the man did? If Jesus were your financial planner, what kind of advice do you think He would give?
- The Bible talks a lot about how greed can slip in and affect our judgment and decisions. What kinds of things can you do to keep your guard up against greed?
- What kinds of guidelines can you use to make sure that you don't go overboard when you are "providing for your family"? How can you decide what is legitimate and what is fluff?
- Why do you think God had you here today? How did you encounter Him during the service?
- What questions did today's service raise for you? Where can you go to find answers?

Next step: Here is something you can do this week to dig deeper:

- The focus of the sermon stopped at Luke 12.21, but the following passage about worry is definitely connected to the story of the rich fool. This week, sit down and read through the rest of the chapter and think through how you might put that into practice in your life.
- Tax season is upon us. This year when you sit down, take a look at your own financial picture. Use this as an opportunity to prayerfully invite God to help you intentionally plan out how you can invest in His kingdom in 2013.
- Next week we finish up our series by talking about how our own religious traditions and habits can become idols in our lives. Have friends

who think church isn't for them? Why not invite them to hear what church is really about—not rituals but a relationship.

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