

THE TREASURE IS YOUR HEART.

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BREAKDOWN >>

//The goal of this lesson is to discuss what God wants us to do with our money. Here are a few scriptures to help you prepare for your discussion. Deut 8:18 1 Tim 6:10 Matt 6:24 Matt 22:34-40 Luke 21:1-3 Matt 6:19-21

OPEN UP >>

//How did this message affect you.

OUT LOUD >>

// Treasure is a commodity that everyone wants; treasure is a commodity that everyone needs. People will work for treasure, they fight over treasure, and they even steal for treasure. The Bible even tells us that God even gives us the ability to get treasure.

“And yet at the same time we are not to love it...For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, for which some have strayed from the faith in their greediness, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows. (1 Tim 6:10)

And we are also told that you cannot serve it and God...“No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon. (Matt 6:24)

So what's the deal with treasure? What's the purpose of it? Why is it so important and yet why are we not supposed to get consumed by it?

Truths about money...

1. Money is a tool. (It is to be used to build, not to tear down.)
2. Money is liquid. (Its like water, if you don't contain it, it will run all over the place.)

The bible teaches us about the two great commandments. They are love God and love people (read Matt 22:34-39) The fact is God doesn't need your money he walks on streets of gold he has no use for earthly things. But people do need money and in order to love people it requires money. God has called us as a youth ministry to reach the northwest. To reach 10,000 young people over the next 10 years. In order to do that it requires money.

The question is; how much money does God want from me?

Luke 21

1 And He looked up and saw the rich putting their gifts into the treasury, 2 and He saw also a certain poor widow putting in two mites. 3 So He said, “Truly I say to you that this poor widow has put in more than all; 4 for all these out of their abundance have put in offerings for God, but she out of her poverty put in the entire livelihood that she had.”

This woman illustrates what God is looking for. Although she only gave two mites. (equals about \$2.50) Jesus said she gave more than the rich man because she gave an offering with sacrifice. Like we said earlier God doesn't want your money but he does want your heart. And what you give toward shows where your heart is

Lets come next week to give sacrificially, let's come ready to give all we have and all we can gather.

PRAYER FOCUS >>

Pray for big bill night as well as merge night south.