



GOD AND MONEY

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Climbing the corporate ladder; providing a comfortable living for our families; making sure we have enough when retirement rolls around. All good ambitions until they replace our heart for others and for God's kingdom. What does it look like to go from spender and saver to serving others?



THIS WEEK'S DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Read 1 Chronicles 29:11–14. How can we do a better job of honoring the Lord with all He has provided us?
- Tearing down our barns and building bigger ones is the premise behind Luke 12:16–21. But is this passage suggesting it's wrong to save for the future? What does verse 21 mean when it talks about being "rich toward God"?
- What would your reaction be if you were asked to share your food with the hungry, bring those who are needy and poor into your home, or reach out to relatives who need your help? That's exactly what we're asked to do in Isaiah 58. Why does God require this of us?
- When it comes to your finances, would you say you're a spender, a saver, or a servant? How do the words in Revelation 3:14–20 coincide with our mindset today?
- In Matthew 13 Jesus reminds us that wealth can be deceitful: it can lead us away from a growing relationship with God. So how do we avoid that road? How can we be the person that produces a hundredfold with our finances and in our commitment to Christ?



CHALLENGE

Whether we are a saver or a spender, all we have comes from God. Take some time this week to reflect on God's blessings in your life and how you can use your gifts to praise Him by serving others.



COMMIT TO MEMORY

"I want you to share your food with the hungry and bring right into your own homes those who are helpless, poor, and destitute. Clothe those who are cold, and don't hide from relatives who need your help. If you do these things, God will shed his own glorious light upon you" (Isaiah 58:7–8 TLB).



PRAYER

Lord, as I reflect on the many ways You have provided for me, I am amazed. Help me to remember that all I have belongs to You, and Your desire is that I use these resources to help others with a servant's heart and attitude. Teach me to think first of You and Your kingdom before thinking of myself. Amen.