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Taking Stock: How to Move from Weary to Wise "If Money Actually Talked" (Part 1)

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Note **1 Timothy 6:10**

So this new series is about us taking stock of how we _____ money and how God's truth can help us experience greater financial health.

1. _____ of Wealth

Note - according to world standards, all of us here are _____.

Note **James 5:3**

The warning here is about hoarding money just for the sake of _____ it.

God wants His money (because God _____ it all) in circulation. In New Testament times, wealth was hoarded by stockpiling food, collecting clothes, and _____ away precious metals/jewels (note **James 5:2-3**).

Whatever you accumulate _____.

Note **Luke 12:16-21**

2. _____ of Wealth

God isn't only concerned with what we have, but also _____ we got it (note **Exodus 20:15** and **James 5:4**).

3. How I _____ Wealth (note **James 5:5**)

A great temptation is as we make more money it is easier to _____ it.

Just because I can afford something doesn't require me to _____ it.

If advertising and marketing didn't work, businesses wouldn't have spent \$1.87 _____ on them in 2024.

4. How I Use the _____ of Wealth

Money provides _____ and influence.

Note **Luke 16:8**

Jesus followers need to recognize the influence money has and use it for _____ (note **James 5:6**).

So, let's take stock:

- Hoarded wealth is going to decay and _____.
- Dishonest, wasted, and abused wealth will be _____ in eternity.
- Why does it matter if we take _____ about our finances or not?
- Because Jesus knows and told us that our attitude about money reveals our true spiritual heart condition (note **Matthew 6:21**).

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DISCUSSION GUIDE

- Icebreaker -

If you were invited to do a TED Talk on any subject (and you are magically fearless about it), what topic would you choose?

1. Read **1 Timothy 6:10**. What does “the love of money” mean to you, and how does it manifest itself in our culture and in your own life?
2. **James 5:2-3** and **Luke 12:16-21** point out both the pointlessness and sinfulness of stockpiling wealth. How does this relate to your bank account or the contents of your garages & closets and what changes might it challenge you to make?
3. Pastor Tom said, “Just because I can afford something doesn’t require me to purchase it.” When was the last time you really wanted something, had the money to buy it, but chose not to? What caused you to make that choice?
4. Pastor Tom stated, “Jesus followers need to recognize the influence money has and use it for good.” What influence has your wealth given you and how have you used it for the benefit of others?
5. **Matthew 6:21** encourages us to take stock of how we value our money and our things because it reflects the true priorities of our life. What might such a look reveal about yourself, and what changes might God call you to make?

PERSONAL GUIDE

Day One: Mark 2; Psalm 119

Day Two: Numbers 2; Proverbs 26

Day Three: 2 Corinthians 9; 1 Kings 15

Day Four: Revelation 11; Lamentations 1

Day Five: Song of Songs 3; Acts 7

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