
“PRIORITIES OF THE HEART: MONEY”

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Sermon Title: The Necessity, Challenge and Blessing of Money

Main Points:

1. The Necessity and Challenge of Money (Proverbs 22:1, 23:4-5, 30:7-9)
2. The Irony of Generosity and Stinginess (Proverbs 11:24-25)
3. The Only True Motive for Kingdom Generosity (2 Corinthians 8:9, Acts 20:35)

Questions:

1. Why is it important that we talk about money in the church? Why shouldn't we keep what we do with our money totally private and say to our church family, "None of your business"?
2. God commands us to care about the least and the lost, the downtrodden, marginalized and weak. Reflect on the following verse with your Life Group, "He who has pity on the poor lends to the Lord, and He will pay back what he has given." Proverbs 19:17
3. How is giving a "journey" and without going into any details, where are you on your giving journey?
4. How is being a generous person an overflow of God's love in our hearts?
5. Reflect on the following quote with your group. Do you agree with Tim Keller's argument in this quote?

"The acid test to know whether you have been humbled in your pride is what you do with your money. You may say, 'Oh yes, I believe everything is from God! It's all a gift!' But are you generous with your money? Or do you act as if it's all yours, you earned it."

*"People over the years have told me that the biblical idea of tithing is unreasonable. What if you turned to someone and said, 'I'm in trouble. I need a loan.' That person says, 'How much?' And you respond, '\$10,000. I'll pay it all back.' The person responds, 'I'll tell you what, here is \$10,000, and all I want back is \$1,000, the rest is a gift.' How would you respond? What would you say? Would you say, 'How unreasonable! Unbelievable! You want \$1,000 back on this loan! Who do you think I am?' But God says to you, 'Give away 10% of your money to the people around you.' And you say, 'That's unreasonable.' That proves in your own heart that you believe you are your own author. That proves that you haven't really seen yourself as a sinner saved by grace so that everything is a gift, including the area of money. Until you see that you are not in charge of your life, that you are not your own author, you will never see that He is your true author." – Tim Keller, sermon titled, *Pride: The Case of Nebuchadnezzar*, 2/5/1995*