



## Our Money vs His Money February 23, 2020

### 1. Financial Freedom – *Philippians 4:10-11; 1 Timothy 6:10*

*<sup>10</sup> I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at length you have revived your concern for me. You were indeed concerned for me, but you had no opportunity. <sup>11</sup> Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content.*

*<sup>10</sup> For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils. It is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs.*

- God wants us to be free from the stronghold and idol of finances, materialism, and all the things of this world that would pull us away from dependence on God.
- Financial freedom is being free from the bondage of money.
- Being content is the secret to financial freedom
- *Money* is not the root of all evil; the *love of money* is the root of all *kinds* of evil.

### 2. Financial Strength – *Philippians 4:12-13*

*<sup>12</sup> I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. <sup>13</sup> I can do all things through him who strengthens me.*

- Financial strength is not determined by how much money you have;
- Financial strength is determined by who your God is.
- If money is your god, you are financially weak no matter how much money you have.
- If Jesus is Lord in your life, you are financially strong.
- Most of us, like Paul, know what it is like to have plenty at times and be lacking in other times.
- But in plenty and in abundance, God provides for us.
- Spending our money just because “we earned it” is an orphan mentality
- We are sons and daughters of the King and everything we have is from the Father
- God *strengthens* us to live in abundance and in poverty
- Tithing and giving sacrificially says “Jesus, we trust you.”

**For reflection and small group discussion:**

 **Read Acts 1:8 and listen as your leader reviews the purpose of our gathering.**

*Reflect on these verses which exhort us to pursue God's purpose as we gather in our cells.*

**Hearing from God Together - Worship.** Spend a little time listening to a song, singing together, or reading a psalm. Have you heard from God this week? Is God giving you a word to share with an individual or your T-Life group?

 **Building Up One Another in the Word**

**READ *Philippians 4:10-13 and 1 Timothy 6:10.* As you read,**

**REFLECT** – Meditate on the passage and ask questions. What is the context of the passage? Enter into the Biblical scene in order to “see” the setting, the people, and the unfolding action. What are some words and phrases that the Holy Spirit is drawing my attention to? Do I know what the words and phrases mean? Do I understand what the Holy Spirit is saying through these verses?

**RESPOND** – What do you feel? Read this passage and look for how it speaks to your life. What specific situation in your life today relates to this passage? Are there beliefs, attitudes, or practices I need to adjust to deepen my relationship with Christ? Respond very specifically to what God has revealed to you in Scripture that speaks to your life. This is your personal response to the text: asking for graces, offering praise or thanksgiving, seeking healing or forgiveness. In this prayerful engagement with the text, you open yourself to the presence of God.

**REST** – Read the passage again, but this time, rest in God's presence in what He has spoken to you about your life through Scripture. Simply rest in the fact that God has spoken to you. Worship God for speaking to you and find strength, encouragement and hope, knowing you have just heard God; you have come into experiential contact with the One behind and beyond the text.

### **Reflection Questions**

1. Think about all the movies you've seen where there are good guys and bad guys. What are some of the things that motivate the bad guys? Do all these things have anything in common?
2. Jesus talks about money and material possessions more than just about anything else in the Gospels. Why do you think this is such an important topic?
3. Read Philippians 4:10-11. In this letter to the Philippian church, Paul is grateful for their concern for him, but says he has learned to be content in any circumstance. Have you experienced a time of plenty in your life? Have you experienced need? How did you approach each circumstance differently or similarly?
4. Read 1 Timothy 6:10. Have you heard this verse misquoted? Is money evil? Do you love money or know people who do? What kinds of evils can money be the root of?
5. Can worrying about money be one of those things that lead to all kinds of evil? Do you worry about money?
6. Read Philippians 4:12-13. Do you know the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need? What is it? What does it mean to say that financial strength is determined by who you God is?
7. What does it mean to say that it is an “orphan mentality” to be selfish with the money we've earned? What is the opposite of an orphan mentality in the area of finances?
8. This week, prayerfully consider your financial situation. Have you given your financial situation to God? Pray that He will show you that you are His child and He will provide for you.

*If you would like to be a part of a small group, called a T-Life Group, stop by the Information Center in the Village or contact us at [TLifeGroups@NorthWoodChurch.org](mailto:TLifeGroups@NorthWoodChurch.org).*



Share the name of someone you are praying for and with whom you desire to share Jesus. Have you seen any God activity in their life since you last met? Have you been *Bold as Love* in serving and sharing with them? Pray as a group that God would create circumstances in the person's life to make them open to receiving Jesus. Is any way you could show God's love to them as a T-Life Group? How are you serving OUT together as a T-Life Group?