

Message Notes

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Message Outline

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Growth Group Understanding Questions

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1. Why does the Bible talk about money so much? Do you notice this when you read the Bible? What are other passages you know that speak of money?
2. Read Matthew 6:19-24. Does Jesus tell us to not store up treasures in v. 19-20? What does it say?
3. According to Ps 24:1, who is the owner of all our stuff? What does that make us? How does/should this principle change this whole area of Christian finances?
4. According to v. 21, how do we find our heart?
5. What's the difference between earthly and heavenly treasures?
6. What's the "eye" a metaphor for in v. 23? What is Jesus saying to us? What did the "evil eye" idiom mean in Jewish culture?
7. What does Jesus tell us that God demands to be in v. 24? What does this mean?

Growth Group Application Questions

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1. What are some reasons why we struggle with investing in eternity when the Bible is so clear about its importance?
2. What is a "master?" Who is the Christian's master? How does money master us?
3. Does this passage only apply to those with lots of money or to even those who struggle to get by on the Central Coast? How do we know where our treasure is, how our heart is, and who our master is?
4. We hold one another accountable in other areas. Do you think its appropriate for us to hold one another accountable when it comes to our giving?
5. How does a deeper understanding of the Gospel lead us from guilt to grace in our giving? When we find ourselves giving out of guilt instead of joy, what do we need to do?