

Breaking the Status Quo

The Trap of Money?

PREPARE

Read Proverbs 30:7-9

⁷ *“Two things I ask of you, O Lord;
do not refuse me before I die:*

⁸ *Keep falsehood and lies far from me;
give me neither poverty nor riches,
but give me only my daily bread.*

⁹ *Otherwise, I may have too much and disown you
and say, ‘Who is the Lord?’
Or I may become poor and steal,
and so dishonor the name of my God.*

- Ask the Lord to speak his truth to you regarding money and possessions

REFLECT

Either individually or in your core group take time to reflect on your week

1. Where have you seen God at work? What are you thankful for?
2. What has been difficult in the past week? Anything you are anxious about?
3. What prayer requests do you have?

STUDY

Discuss Jesus’ spiritual truths about money from the following scriptures:

- Matthew 6:19-34
- Matthew 13:18-23
- Luke 12:13-21

How would you know if you are living by what Jesus says?

What lies do Satan and the world speak to us about money and stuff?

STUDY 1 Timothy 6:3-10; 17-19

- How would you describe “contentment”?
- What are the dangers of pursuing riches?
- What commands does Paul give to those who are rich?

Respond to this quote from Dallas Willard:

“We use money to exercise our dominion for good. Hence, we begin by earning all the money we can, and saving all the money we can. Then, we freely use this money within a properly disciplined spiritual life, and we control and invest this money for the good of humankind and the glory of God. And, finally, we joyfully give money away where and when we have the opportunity to do the most good.”

RESPONSE

- What did you learn from your family of origin regarding money?
- Is there a part of money and finances which causes you to be anxious? What is it and how can the promises of God help bring peace in this area?
- Pray the Lord’s prayer every day for a week and focus your attention on the line, “Give us this day our daily bread.”

*Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever.
Amen.*

Close in Prayer: List prayer requests here.