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*“The world asks, ‘What does a man own?’ Christ asks, ‘How does he use it?’ ”*  
[Andrew Murray]

## ICEBREAKER

Describe a time when you spent your money on something you instantly regretted.

## BEGIN WITH PRAYER

Spend a moment praying this passage, beginning your time together in humility and gratitude!

*“Instead, his delight is in the Lord’s instruction, and he meditates on it day and night.  
He is like a tree planted beside flowing streams that bears its fruit in its season,  
and its leaf does not wither. Whatever he does prospers.”*  
[Psalm 1:2-3]

## BIG IDEA

Money is not about the size of our income, but about the condition of our heart.

## PASSAGE

- 1 Timothy 6:6-19

## DISCUSSION

1. How have you seen money control you in the past? (i.e. attitude, behavior, expectations) What did you learn from that situation?
2. What does "godliness with contentment is great gain" mean to you?
3. How does v. 7 shape our perspective on material possessions?
4. What does Paul mean by "the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil"?
5. From this week’s sermon: *“The love of money is a battle with love for the Lord Himself.”* How have you found that to be true in your life? How have you moved towards loving God more than money?
6. How can we guard against (and help one another guard against) the temptation to love money?
7. Why is it important for us to be aware of the dangers of the love of money?
8. How do v. 11-12 inspire us in our Christian walk?
9. From this week’s sermon: *“Money sense (sanity, clarity, and freedom) starts with surrendering to the glory of the One greater than us.”* What does this quote do inside of you? What ideas about surrendering to God’s glory in the area of money does it stir up?

10. What do v. 17-18 teach us about the responsibility of wealth?

11. What is the promise attached to generosity? How have you found that to be true in your own life?

12. How does prioritizing eternal values over temporal wealth challenge our culture's mindset (and oftentimes our mindset)?

## STEP OF OBEDIENCE

Everything changes when we believe and live in such a way that our goal with money is to move from ownership TO surrender TO generosity. Based on the Holy Spirit's prompting today, **what is a step of obedience that you can take?**

## PRAYER FOCUS

### Decisions

- How we make decisions can be off limits to Jesus. Pray for one another to have the courage to surrender the decision making process to Jesus.
- Consider sharing with a friend in your group a decision that you need to make in the near future. Ask them to cover you in prayer as you go through the decision making process.

## SPIRITUAL PRACTICE \*Optional\*

Lectio divina is a slow, rhythmic reading and is a way to move Scripture from the head to the heart. The goal is to deeply experience the truth of a small amount of Scripture.

- [Lectio Divina](#) or [rockbridge.cc/lectio-divina-2](http://rockbridge.cc/lectio-divina-2)