

Choose Wisely

LAST WEEK'S MESSAGE

Many people do not understand MONEY properly. The reality is that there are many Bible verses about money and how our attitude about it reveals the true condition of our hearts. Luke 19:6-9 and Matthew 19:21-26 shows us the encounters Jesus had with people who had issues with wealth and possessions. More than the issue of money, Jesus addressed the heart and faith of people. Our choices on spending, saving, and even working to earn exposes what or who rules over our life, impacting our future. Therefore, we are to CHOOSE WISELY, and to do that, we need to understand the THEOLOGY of MONEY:

TWO TREASURES (MATTHEW 6:19-21)

In Matthew 6:19, Jesus talks about two treasures. The first is earthly treasure which can be destroyed and stolen. The second is heavenly treasures which can never be destroyed or stolen. God is not against earthly treasures or money. But what God desires is for us to have TRUE TREASURES. He doesn't want us to waste our lives going after the wrong ones, because where our treasure is, there our heart will be also. Where we invest, dedicate, and put our efforts in, there our heart and passion will also be. 1 Timothy 6:10 points out that it is not money but the "THE LOVE OF MONEY" which is the root of all evil. Materialism, greed, and covetousness are dangerous subtle sins that anybody can fall right into. While money is an instrument used by God to provide for our needs, it is also used by the enemy to draw us away from God – our first love. How do we deal with money and earthly treasures so that it brings glory to God? In Proverbs 6:6-8, prudence and saving up is encouraged. We are commanded to work and earn so that we will be able to help and bless others. In this way, we can convert earthly treasures into heavenly treasures and bring glory to God.

TWO PERSPECTIVES (MATTHEW 6:22-23)

Our human eyes are likened to windows – we must pray for the eyes of our heart to be enlightened (Ephesians 1:8). When our perspective is clear, our life will be full of light; if not, it will be full darkness. The theology of money tells us that money is neutral, but we need to have the right perspective. Until our perspective changes, we will only view life on the temporal level. In Luke 12:15, Jesus gave a warning: He asked for our eyes to be open. We need to guard ourselves and be aware of what's going on in our hearts. We must understand that money is not just for our own enjoyment. A sobering reality was given in

Luke 12:20-21: we do not bring our money with us when our day comes! Unopened eyes and an unchanged perspective can derail even our eternal direction.

TWO MASTERS (MATTHEW 6:24-25)

All of us tend to place something over and above God. Whatever that is, we are doomed! We are to choose the RIGHT GOD. If our God is the God of the Bible, we can stop worrying and be at peace knowing that God is also our Heavenly Father who loves us and cares for us (Matthew 6:31-34). We can trust Him completely to provide for all our needs because He owns everything. Not only will He provide, but He will also use us mightily when He is Master and Lord over our lives. The late Dr. Bill Bright and his wife had a contract with God which showed total surrender to Him: to do whatever He wants them to do, go wherever He wants them to go, and say whatever He wants them to say. That contract surrendered everything to God. The most important decision is to see Jesus as our one and only Master. Joshua 24:15 reminds us to CHOOSE WHO WE WILL SERVE – and we need to choose wisely. As Joshua stated, may we also make that commitment, TO SERVE THE LORD. If we make Him Master of our lives, we will be able to make very important decisions and actions that will glorify God.

discussion questions

How can money be good or evil?

How do you use your money? Do you consult with God before spending?

How can you stop worrying about money?

last week's memory verse

Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys, and where thieves do not break in or steal; for where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

MATTHEW 6:19-21

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Teacher: Verlonn Valencia
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May 26, Thursday, 10:00 AM

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LOOKING FOR ANSWERS? THINK YOUR
VISIT IS A COINCIDENCE? YOUR BEING
HERE TODAY IS NO ACCIDENT!

God brought you here for His purpose.

1 God loves you.

He desires for you to have a
meaningful life with Him in the
present and gain eternal life with
Him in the future.

Know therefore that the Lord your God,
He is God, the faithful God, who keeps
His covenant and His lovingkindness to
a thousandth generation with those who
love Him and keep His commandments
—Deuteronomy 7:9

2 God is holy.

We are sinful, and our sin
separates us from Him.

Everyone has sinned and is far away
from God's saving presence.
— Romans 3:23

3 God is merciful.

In His love, He made the only
way for us to be reconciled to
Him: through His son, Jesus
Christ. Jesus had to die on the
cross for our sins and be raised
to life for eternity.

But God demonstrates His own love
toward us, in that while we were yet
sinners, Christ died for us. Much more
then, having now been justified by
His blood, we shall be saved from the
wrath of God through Him.
— Romans 5:8

I am the way, and the truth, and the life;
no one comes to the Father but through
Me. — John 14:6

4 God is gracious.

By placing our faith in Jesus
Christ, we are forgiven of our sins
and saved from eternal death.

For God so loved the world, that He
gave His only begotten Son, that
whoever believes in Him shall not
perish, but have eternal life. — John 3:16

For by grace you have been saved
through faith; and that not of
yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as
a result of works, so that no one may
boast. — Ephesians 2:8-9

5 God keeps His promises.

You can be sure that you have
eternal life when you trust in
Jesus.

And the testimony is this, that God has
given us eternal life, and this life is in His
Son. He who has the Son has the life; he
who does not have the Son of God does
not have the life. These things I have
written to you who believe in the name
of the Son of God, so that you may know
that you have eternal life. 1 John 5:11-13

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