



Series: True Riches

Sermon: Part 1: Heart Evaluation

Date: Sunday, January 12th, 2025

Where is God when it comes to how you spend the money that you have?

“For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil.” (1 Timothy 6:10)

Money is neutral. It is the people behind the use of the money that determine whether money is used for evil or used for good.

How we spend money reveals what is really going on in our _____ because our heart always follows our money.

“For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.” (Matthew 6:21)

Our heart will always follow our _____.

“Look, Lord! Here and now I give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount.” (Luke 19:8)

“Today salvation has come to this house.” (Luke 19:9)

They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. No one claimed that any of their possessions was their own, but they shared everything they had. (Acts 2:45, 4:32)

When the young man heard this, he went away sad, because he had great wealth. (Matthew 19:22)

A _____: Someone that an owner entrusts with the management of their possessions

“Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions.” (Luke 12:15)



Greed Causes Us To Be:

a. _____

b. _____

Those who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. (1 Timothy 6:9)

Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs. (1 Timothy 6:10)

We would think that if we have money we would be happy and content. However, it often ends up being that the more money that we have, the more discontent, selfish, and even greedy we can become.

Bottom Line: *How are the ways I am using my finances shaping my heart?*

Questions to reflect on this week or with others:

1. *How do you feel when it comes to talking about money? What was that like for you growing up in your family of origin?*
2. *How are the ways that you are using your finances shaping your heart? Is the money you have drawing you into Christlikeness or not? Is money causing you to be prideful, envious, anxious, and apathetic or it is causing you to be grateful, content, generous, loving, and more trusting of God?*
3. *Looking at your bank statements, what do the purchases you make reveal about what your heart is following?*
4. *What would including Jesus into all of your financial journey look like? What are the obstacles for you when it comes to doing this?*

Songs used in service: Give Me Faith (Elevation Worship), How Deep The Father's Love For Us (Stuart Townend), Jesus Paid It All (The Worship Initiative), God and God Alone (Chris Tomlin), Same God (Elevation Worship)

Any prayer requests?

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What can we be praying for you about?