

Life Group Questions

What to do With “Your” Money - For Sunday, January 27th

PRIMARY PASSAGES:

Luke 18:11-14 “¹¹The Pharisee stood by himself ... I fast twice a week and give a tenth of all I get.’ ¹³“But the tax collector stood at a distance. He would not even look up to heaven, but beat his breast and said, ‘God, have mercy on me, a sinner.’

¹⁴“I tell you that this man, rather than the other, went home justified before God. For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”

Luke 21:1-4 “As Jesus looked up, he saw the rich putting their gifts into the temple treasury. ²He also saw a poor widow put in two very small copper coins. ³“Truly I tell you,” he said, “this poor widow has put in more than all the others. ⁴All these people gave their gifts out of their wealth; but she out of her poverty put in all she had to live on.”

Acts 4:33b-37 “God’s grace was so powerfully at work in them all ³⁴that there were no needy persons among them. For from time to time those who owned land or houses sold them, brought the money from the sales ³⁵and put it at the apostles’ feet, and it was distributed to anyone who had need.

³⁶Joseph, a Levite from Cyprus, whom the apostles called Barnabas (which means “son of encouragement”), ³⁷sold a field he owned and brought the money and put it at the apostles’ feet.

Questions:

Please do not just think about these questions, but take time to write your responses to them during the week, and consider sharing one or two with your group when you meet.

The examples above are surprising. How do they challenge your own understanding of money? If you’ve experienced growth, freedom or contrast (before/after) in this area, would you consider sharing it with your group?

How might this kind of New Testament giving be good for you spiritually?

Debt/Money Management: We didn’t talk about this in church, but I would encourage you to discuss it with your group if you’re burdened by it. If there are people who need help getting out of debt, we’re happy to help you become free to give like you want to! Please phone us 295-5439 (Kyle’s cell) or 295-7945 (office)