

IN GOD WE TRUST

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MONEY

What Kingdom Do You Seek?

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1. How do you feel when a church starts talking about money? How have you seen it done poorly? How have you seen it done well?

2. Why do we desire to have more money? When you look back on your life, do you think having more has made you happier or not as happy? Why? Do you agree with the oft-uttered statement, "Money can't buy happiness"? Is that always the case?

3. Is money a good thing in God's eyes? Why or why not?

4. Why does Jesus tell the story about the Rich Fool in Luke 12:13-21? What's his big point? What aspects of the story do you find stand out to you when you read it? Why is he called a fool?

5. What is the principle God laid out regarding how we treat his provisions for his people in Exodus 16:16-20? Why does Jesus tell us to pray, "Give us this day our daily bread"?

6. What does it look like to be "rich toward God" in the context of the Rich Fool story?

7. How do the illustrations about ravens and lilies add to Jesus argument about money and possessions? Do you think that God will help those who help themselves? Why or why not? If the lilies of the field don't work hard to be so magnificent, is the lesson that we don't need to work hard either? Why or why not? How does a passage like Proverbs 6:6-11 jive with this passage in Luke 12:13-34?

8. Do you think Jesus is serious about selling our possessions and giving to the poor or is he just using hyperbole? Explain your view. If he's just overstating things for the sake of effect, then what is the effect he is after? How should Christians use their money?

Passages Cited in the Sermon... 1 Timothy 6:9-10. Exodus 16:16-20. Leviticus 19:9-10. Psalm 23:1-2.