

**[MESSAGE NOTES]**

**Finances**

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**[QUICK REVIEW]**

Looking at your notes from this week's message, was there anything you heard for the first time or something that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

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**[MY STORY]**

We all have different experiences and journeys when it comes to money. But we all have likely had a first job and a first paycheck that we were excited to get! We've all probably experienced times of hardship as well as seasons of abundance. **Tell the story of a time when money played a significant role in a season of need or a season of plenty or share a time where you experienced radical generosity.**

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**[DIGGING DEEPER]**

This week we dove right into the often anxiety-inducing and conflict-causing topic of finances. Money is a part of our everyday lives and Jesus and Scripture has much to say about it—most of it very challenging. As we strive to follow Jesus in a life of discipleship, we simply cannot ignore the importance of having a Kingdom mindset when it comes to our money and finances. **Read** the Parable of the Shrewd Manager (**Luke 16:1-15**) and The Parable of the Talents (**Matthew 25:14-30**). **List out the Kingdom principles, takeaways, and wisdom in regards to money that Jesus presents in these parables in the space below.**

The Parable of the Shrewd Manager

The Parable of the Talents

**Read 1 Timothy 6:3-19.** According to Paul: ***What are some of the dangers and consequences as well as benefits of stewarding our finances well in the Kingdom?***

In 1 John, John lays out the reality that ***we love because He first loved us***. Because of what we've been given, we give back to the World. 1 John 3:17 asks the question, ***“If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in that person?”*** If we're being honest, this is both a sobering and convicting question—as it should be. So, as an individual or in your group, think and pray about any needs among you, your families, your friends, your workplaces, or your neighborhoods? ***How is God calling you and your community to help meet any of these needs—big or small?***

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**[WEEKLY READINGS]**

Studies say that someone who reads their Bible 4 times or more a week improves their joy, happiness, contentment, and overall approval of their life. (*1 Tim. 4:8-10,16; 2 Tim. 3:16-17*). As a church, we believe that! Below are 4 passages of Scripture this week to dive into to pull deeper on our weekend's message.

**Matthew 5-6**

**1 Timothy 6**

**Ecclesiastes 5**

**Luke 16**