

The 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany ~ Sunday, January 28, 2018

“Half Truths ~ Money is the Root of All Evil”

Luke 19:11-27

Money says a lot about who we are—our:

**JESUS’ TEACHING ON MONEY**

- **Money is a** \_\_\_\_\_ to be used for God’s \_\_\_\_\_ in our life.

God gives us gifts, \_\_\_\_\_, abilities, time and \_\_\_\_\_ and He wants us to put them to good \_\_\_\_\_ in our lives.

Everything we are and everything we have is \_\_\_\_\_ to us by God.

“For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out.”  
(1 Timothy 6:7)

**How are you using the tools that God’s given you.**

- **Money is also a** \_\_\_\_\_. It our \_\_\_\_\_, our values, our priorities—and ultimately, our \_\_\_\_\_.

God entrusts us with the things we have and \_\_\_\_\_ to see what we do with them. He’s watching to see how much He can \_\_\_\_\_ us and how much we \_\_\_\_\_ Him.

“Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much.” (Luke 16:10)

**What does how you are using the things that God has entrusted to you say about your character?**

**I. The Half Truth.**

This saying is actually a \_\_\_\_\_.

“For the love of money is the root of all kinds of evil. And some people, carving money, have wondered from the true faith and pierced themselves with many sorrows.” (1 Timothy 6:10)

Money isn’t \_\_\_\_\_ in and of itself. It’s what we do with it and the \_\_\_\_\_ it has in our lives that can get us into trouble.

“love of money” = *philarguros* =

avarice =

The love of money is \_\_\_\_\_ root—the \_\_\_\_\_, beginning, or wellspring of all kinds of evil.

**4 THINGS WE’RE NOT TO DO WITH MONEY**

**#1. Don’t \_\_\_\_\_ it.**

“Those who love money will never have enough. How absurd to think that wealth brings true happiness!” (Ecclesiastes 5:10)

“Don’t fall in love with money. Be satisfied with what you have. The Lord has promised that he will not leave us or forsake us.” (Hebrews 13:5)

God is always going to be \_\_\_\_\_ us—and He will be our \_\_\_\_\_.

**What do you love more—Almighty God or the almighty dollar?**

**#2: Don’t \_\_\_\_\_ for it.**

We shouldn’t make accumulating wealth the \_\_\_\_\_ of our life—it may be a \_\_\_\_\_, but it shouldn’t be the goal.

“No one can serve two masters. You’ll be devoted to one and despise the other. You can’t serve both God and money.” (Luke 16:13)

There can only be one \_\_\_\_\_ in our life, and whatever’s first place in our life is our \_\_\_\_\_—it’s what we worship—it’s where we place our hope and \_\_\_\_\_—it’s where we focus our time and attention.

**What do you live for—Almighty God or the almighty dollar?**

**#3: Don’t \_\_\_\_\_ it.**

We shouldn’t be fooled into thinking that money can be our \_\_\_\_\_, happiness, or \_\_\_\_\_. Only \_\_\_\_\_ can fill those roles.

The world teaches us that having more money will make us more important; more \_\_\_\_\_; more lovable; more \_\_\_\_\_; more secure.

“Tell those who are rich in this world not to be proud and not to trust in their money which will soon be gone. Their trust should be in the living God who richly gives us all we need for our enjoyment.” (1 Timothy 6:17)

We can \_\_\_\_\_ money, but we shouldn’t place our trust in it—we shouldn’t \_\_\_\_\_ on it.

**Where do place your trust—Almighty God or the almighty dollar?**

**#4: Don't \_\_\_\_\_ it.**

“There is a painful tragedy that I have seen under the sun: Riches lead to the downfall of those who hoard them... They came from their mother's womb naked. They will leave as naked as they came. They won't even be able to take a handful of their earnings with them from all their hard work.” (Ecclesiastes 5:13)

“Don't store up for yourselves treasure on earth where moths and rust destroy, where thieves break in and steal. Instead store up for yourselves treasures in heaven.” (Matthew 6:19)

We can either bank it \_\_\_\_\_ or in \_\_\_\_\_.

**What are you rich towards—Almighty God or the almighty dollar?**

## 5 RULES/PRINCIPLES FOR GODLY MONEY MANAGEMENT

**Rule #1: Keep good \_\_\_\_\_ . The Principle of \_\_\_\_\_ .**

“Riches can disappear fast, so watch your business interests closely. Know the state of your flock.” (Proverbs 27:23)

“Get the facts at any price.” (Proverbs 23:23)

**Rule #2: Plan your \_\_\_\_\_ . The Principle of \_\_\_\_\_**

“Plan carefully and you will have plenty. If you act too quickly you will never have enough.” (Proverbs 21:5)

“Stupid people spend their money as fast as they get it.” (Proverbs 21:20)

**Budget =**

**Rule #3: \_\_\_\_\_ for the future. The Principle of \_\_\_\_\_ .**

“The wise have wealth and luxury, but fools spend whatever they get.” (Proverbs 21:20)

“He grows rich who accumulates little by little.” (Proverbs 13:11)

**Saving from the world's perspective =**

**Saving from a Christian perspective =**

**The benefits of saving =**

**Rule #4: \_\_\_\_\_ what you already have. The Principle of \_\_\_\_\_ .**

“Indulging in luxuries, wine and rich food will never make you wealthy.” (Proverbs

21:17)

**The world's lie =**

“Those who trust in their riches will wither, but the righteous will flourish like green leaves.” (Proverbs 11:28)

“Beware! Guard against every kind of greed. Life is not measured by how much you own.” (Luke 12:15)

“Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have because God has said never will I leave you, never will I forsake you.” (Hebrews 13:5)

**Rule #5: Give at least \_\_\_\_\_ back to God. The Principle of \_\_\_\_\_ .**

“One tenth of the produce of the land, whether grain from the fields or fruit from the trees, belongs to the Lord and must be set apart to him as holy.” (Leviticus 27:30)

**Tithe =**

“Honour the Lord by giving Him the first part of all your income, and He will fill your barns and overflow your barrels.” (Proverbs 3:9)

**First fruits =**

“A generous man will have God's blessings.” (Proverbs 22:9)

“Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back.” (Luke 6:38)

“Give freely and become more wealthy; be stingy and lose everything.” (Proverbs 11:24)

“God loves a cheerful giver.” (2 Corinthians 9:7)

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**How do you view money?**

**What role does it play in your life?**

**Are you storing up treasures on earth or in heaven?**

**How faithful are you stewarding the things that God has given you?**