

Jesus on Mic

Part 1: What Does Jesus Say about Money?

WEEK OF NOVEMBER 7, 2021

Jesus had a lot to say about money. He never asked for any, though. What he wants for us is something more than just the stuff we can buy.

MESSAGE NOTES AND HIGHLIGHTS

- God's generosity toward us is meant to inspire us, not guilt or shame us.
 - Jesus said more about money than he did about heaven.
 - The parable of the shrewd manager (Luke 16:1-14)
 - I tell you, use worldly wealth to gain friends for yourselves, so that when it is gone, you will be welcomed into eternal dwellings. | Luke 16:9
 - If you're smart you'll use your wealth for an eternal purpose.
 - Money is not a goal. It's a tool.
 - Do I want more stuff or more stories?
 - One day, all you'll have are the stories that come from what you did with the time and opportunities you've had.
 - You may say to yourself, "My power and the strength of my hands have produced this wealth for me." But remember the Lord your God, for it is He who gives you the ability to produce wealth... | Deuteronomy 8:17
 - It's all God's anyway--you're not the owner; you're the manager.
 - "No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money." | Luke 16:13
 - For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. | Matthew 6:21
 - Money is a test.
 - Jesus doesn't want your money. He wants to keep your money from getting you.
 - Do you have money, or does your money have you?
 - On the first day of every week, each one of you should set aside a sum of money in keeping with your income, saving it up, so that when I come no collections will have to be made. | 1 Corinthians 16:2
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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. How easy or hard is it to talk about your money? Why is that?
2. Money is a test that often reveals where your heart lies. What do you think your relationship with your money reveals about your heart? Do you feel like you have your money, or that your money has you?
3. The parable of the shrewd manager and Deuteronomy 8:17 teach us that we're not owners of our money so much as managers of what God has given us. How does that change or affect your perspective on your money?
4. What do you think is the highest and best purpose for your money? Do the ways you pursue and spend your money match up with that purpose?
5. What's one thing you can do this week or this month to better align the way you manage your money with the highest and purpose for your money?