

Introduction: Money!

- How much is enough?
- How much is too much?
- Can I be both godly and rich?
- If riches and material goods can "choke out" spiritual life, is poverty God's calling for spiritual maturity? If not, what is?
- Why does Jesus warn against the "deceitfulness" of riches?

Transferable Concept #3:

Teach them to **MANAGE** their wealth wisely.

A theology of stewardship:

- God owns **EVERYTHING**. Psalm 50:12
- God has entrusted His things - time, talent, **TREASURE** - to us to manage for Him. Matthew 25:14-30
- God expects a **POSITIVE** return on His investment. Matthew 25:26-28
- God will hold you **ACCOUNTABLE**. 2 Corinthians 5:6-10
- God wants you to share in His **JOY**. Matthew 25:21
- Old Testament roots Genesis 1:26-28, Job 1:20-21
- Biblical profiles – Nehemiah, Barnabas
- New Testament command Luke 16: 11-15

Application: I, _____, choose to
become faithful in the little things.

Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much.

Luke 16:10

How to become faithful in the "little" (material) things:

1. Help them recognize the three purposes of money are **GIVING**, saving, and spending.

1Timothy 6:17-19

2. Encourage them to commit to honor God with **FIRST FRUITS** of every paycheck to remind them that it's **GOD'S** money, not their own.

Proverbs 3:9-10

3. Encourage them to make time with **GOD** their #1 priority so they'll know how to invest the time, talent, and treasure entrusted to them.

Mark 1:35

Life message: Your life is a **SACRED** stewardship!

Discussion Questions:

1. Which of the last two messages "hit home" the most with you? How will you share what you've learned with your children and grandchildren?
2. What midcourse changes do you need to make in your attitude toward work? Money? What are they? How about your children and grandchildren?
3. What specific action steps of faith do you sense God is leading you toward in response to His Word? How will you pass this on to your children and grandchildren?
4. Who might help you recognize or re-evaluate your own time, talent, and treasure? What resources might you use?

Recommended Resources:

Crown Financial Ministries
Financial Peace University

www.crown.org
www.daveramsey.com/fpu