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How Money Can Make You Happy



Part 1:Ownership
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Main Points

For many of us, the amount of money we have often correlates to how happy we are.

The problem is we never have as much money as we want, so we are never as happy as we want.

We experience true happiness when we understand true ownership.

We all agree that greed is bad but still want a little more than we have.

The more we think we own what we have, the more we think we deserve what we have... and the more we think we deserve what we have, the more we think we deserve to have more than what we have.

We didn't get what we own on our own.

Relying on money only creates fear... and greed is the offspring of fear.

What we rely on is what we worship.

The first step in money making us happy is accepting that we don't own it.

When you accept you don't own anything, you can accept that you are not on your own in anything.

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Gatherings On Site: November 14th
4:30pm. Dinner + Music + Communion
<https://www.yourcrosscreek.com/gathering>

Suggested Bible Readings:
Matthew 6:19-34, Matthew 25:14-30

Music we listened to making this episode:
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Message Passage

Then someone called from the crowd, "Teacher, please tell my brother to divide our father's estate with me." Jesus replied, "Friend, who made me a judge over you to decide such things as that?" ... Then he said, "Beware! Guard against every kind of greed. Life is not measured by how much you own." Then he told them a story...
"...A person is a fool to store up earthly wealth but not have a rich relationship with God."

Luke 12:13-15, 16a, 21 NLT

This Week's Challenge:

- Simple **Prayer**: "Thank you for what you have given me." (Try to make a list... You might fall asleep before you finish). "Help me trust you for what I need."
- **Read** rest of story: Luke 12:22-34

Discussion Questions

1. Is talking about money a comfortable or an awkward experience for you? Why do you think that is?
2. Read Jesus' story again (Luke 12:16-21). What thoughts, feelings, and/or reactions did you have to this account?
3. In what way(s) could giving up ownership of what you own change your view on money and even your life?
4. Who and what can your group join you in praying for this week?

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