

How Money Can Make You Happy



Part 3: Plan on it
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Main Points

The value of our lives isn't measured by how much we have, but how much we give.

Money makes you happy when you have a committed plan to give it away.

How we actually use our money proves what we actually value.

Our generosity can be a picture of God's generosity through Jesus.

Generosity is determined by our attitude.

Generosity is determined by how much it costs us personally.

Generosity is the result of planning.

Generosity creates trust.

Generosity now makes a difference forever.

What percentage of our collective mission can your percentage make possible?

Money makes us happy when we purposely use it for something bigger than ourselves.

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Gatherings On Site: November 14th & 28th
4:30pm. Dinner + Music + Communion
<https://www.yourcrosscreek.com/gathering>

Suggested Bible Readings:
Matthew 6:21, Luke 6:38, Luke 21:1-4, James 2:15-16

Music we listened to making this episode:
Lindsey Stirling - *The Arena*
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Message Passage

I am not commanding you to do this. But I am testing how genuine your love is by comparing it with the eagerness of the other churches. You know the generous grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. Though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty he could make you rich.

2 Corinthians 8:8-9 NLT

This Week's Challenge:

- **Look** at finances (*with spouse if applicable*)
- **Pray**: "God, thank you for what you've given me. What do you want me to do with it?"
- **Write** down a plan

Discussion Questions

1. How have you seen God working in the last week?
2. If you had a billion dollars, what are some way you would love to use it to help others?
3. What is one thing that stood out to or challenged you in this series?
4. Read Matthew 6:21. In your own words, what do you think Jesus was getting at here? Have you ever experienced this dynamic in your life?
5. How can your group pray for you this week?

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