

**FAITH &
FINANCES**

STEWARDSHIP + GENEROSITY

Week of April 14th, 2024

GIVE IT ALL

Mark 12:41-44

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ICEBREAKER

What is the craziest thing you have ever bought for a significant other while dating?



INTRODUCTION

- Last week's challenge was to pick one of the 4 areas (Know GOD, Find FREEDOM, Discover PURPOSE, Make a DIFFERENCE) to be intentional in your growth this week. Which did you pick and how did it go this week? Explain.

The Condition of Our Hearts Towards Finances

- Financial trouble is discouraging and can cause stress in relationships. What do you do when you are down and out? (How do you react?)
- Jesus talked a lot about money because he knew how we'd struggle with obedience in the area. How is your heart and money oriented? Is it where God would have it?
- What does sacrificial giving look like for you?

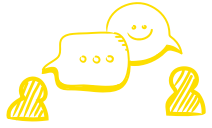
Where Our Hearts are, Finances Follow

- What is something the Lord has led you to give towards that challenged your priorities? How did it pan out?
- What things in your heart or mind stand in the way of you giving more generously?
- Look at your bank account. What does it reflect about the things you care about? What's your first, second, and third top things that you spend your money on?
- How do you keep from being ruled by money and possessions?

There is Unseen Kingdom Potential in Your Gift

- The story of the widow shows us how God can do a lot with even the "smallest" gift. How could God use your gift, no matter the amount in miraculous ways?
- How many people might come to faith through your obedience to give, as an example?
- How does being enriched in every way be generous in every way, manifest itself in your daily life and spiritual walk?
- Beyond finances, what spiritual gifts has the Lord given you that you can use to build His kingdom?

ACT ON IT



Encourage

Take a look at your heart and finances. “Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.” (Matt. 6:21) In other words, where your finances are, that’s where your heart is. Our hearts should be for the Kingdom of God. There is unseen Kingdom potential in your gifts and no gift is insignificant to God. Trust that He sees your sacrifice and know that He is our source for all of our needs.



Ask

If you had one cent left to give, like the widow, what would you do with your last cent?

Challenge

Learn how to trust God with your finances by joining Financial Peace University if you haven’t taken it already.

What is one thing God is leading you to do as a next step in your finances, to be more generous?

Be on the lookout for ways to be generous this week.



PRAYER

Dear Jesus, We come before you today with hearts filled with faith and trust in your abundant provision. “Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.” Lord, we want our hearts to be fully devoted to you and your Kingdom. Grant us the same spirit of generosity and trust in you that we may give freely and wholeheartedly knowing that you see and honor even the smallest. We love you and we thank you for all you have trusted us with- Amen