



Open with prayer.

Let's Connect

Every week we want to begin by asking two questions. It's helpful if everyone answers these questions.

1. What gave you life this week?
2. What drained you this week?

INTRODUCTION

"My direction reveals you ultimate affection"
- Money

READ

"For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

"But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well."
- Matthew 6:21, 33 (NIV)

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Pastor Paul used the example of a new car to illustrate how "what gets our money gets our attention." What is one example of something that got *your money* and consequently got *your attention*?
2. In our culture, "me-first living with some leftover giving" us the typical way to handle money. How is that similar or different from what was modeled for you growing up?
3. Share a story of a moment of generosity that you've experienced (either as the giver or the receiver).
4. Jesus wants us to live in a world (or a "Kingdom") that puts others ahead of ourselves. What are some ways you have put others ahead of yourself?
5. When you think about flipping the 5 things you do with your money from 1. Spend, 2. Pay debt, 3. Pay taxes, 4. Save and 5. Give to 1. Give, 2. Save and 3. Live, what tensions do you feel? What (if anything) scares you about managing your money in this way?





THINK ABOUT IT

Before Jesus said to “seek first his kingdom and his righteousness,” he addressed the tension we might feel about flipping our financial priorities. Read Matthew 6:25-29, 33-34 keeping in mind the tensions you noted in question 5.

WHAT WILL YOU DO?

Circle has partnered with CAP (Christians Against Poverty) to provide “The Money Course”. Will you join us for this free online course starting October 21st from 7-9pm. Register online at: cdac.ca/money-course

CHANGING YOUR MIND

“Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes? Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life?”

“And why do you worry about clothes? See how the flowers of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these.”

“But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.”

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