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Sunday, March 3, 2013

“LIVING IN THE KINGDOM OF THINGDOM”

(Matthew 6:19-24)

Jesus begins taking on misguided priorities in this portion of the Sermon on the Mount. When you ask church attenders about their priorities they say, “*God, family, church...and then the other stuff*” but the truth is often different than our intentions. Jesus teaches us what a disciple’s life should reflect. It’s a tug-of-war every day.

TWO BASIC PRINCIPLES ABOUT MONEY:

1. **OUR MONEY** _____ **TO US**
(Psalm 24:1, NLT).

2. **WE** _____ **TO OUR MONEY**
(Matthew 6:24, NIV).

HOW TO LIVE WELL IN THE KINGDOM OF THINGDOM:

1. **Break free from materialism by** _____.

2. **Break free from debt by** _____.

Why all of these warnings?

Wealth can cause us to _____
(Deuteronomy 6:12, NASB).

Wealth can make us _____
(1 Timothy 6:17-19, NLT).

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(Mark 4:19, NLT).

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TWO BASIC PRINCIPLES ABOUT MONEY:

1. OUR MONEY DOESN'T BELONG TO US.

“The earth and everything on it belong to the Lord. The world and its people belong to Him” (Psalm 24:1, NLT).

“Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also” (Matthew 6:21, NKJV).

2. WE DON'T BELONG TO OUR MONEY.

“You cannot serve both God AND Money” (Matthew 6:24, NIV).

“The rich rules over the poor, and the borrower is the slave of the lender” (Proverbs 22:7, ESV).

“You are not your own; you were bought at a price” (1 Corinthians 6:19-20, NIV).

HOW TO LIVE WELL IN THE KINGDOM OF THINGDOM:

1. Break free from materialism by giving.

2. Break free from debt by attacking.

“The rich rule over the poor, and the borrower is servant to the lender” (Proverbs 22:7, NIV).

Why all of these warnings?

Wealth can cause us to forget God.

“Watch yourself, that you do not forget the Lord who brought you from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery” (Deuteronomy 6:12, NASB).

Wealth can make us proud and self-sufficient.

“Teach those who are rich in this world not to be proud and not to trust in their money, which is so unreliable. Their trust should be in God, who richly gives us all we need for our enjoyment. Tell them to use their money to do good. They should be rich in good works and generous to those in need, always being ready to share with others. By doing this they will be storing up their treasure as a good foundation for the future so that they may experience true life” (1 Timothy 6:17-19, NLT).

Wealth can choke out the gospel.

“But all too quickly the message is crowded out by the worries of this life, the lure of wealth, and the desire for other things, so no fruit is produced” (Mark 4:19, NLT).

“The eye is the lamp of the body; so then if your eye is clear, your whole body will be full of light. But if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light that is in you is darkness, how great is the darkness” (Matthew 6:22-23, NASB).

“No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon” (Matthew 6:24, NASB).

“The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control” (Galatians 5:22-23, NASB).

“If you wish to be complete, go and sell your possessions and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me.’ But when the young man heard this statement, he went away grieving; for he was one who owned much property” (Matthew 19:21-22, NASB).

“What do you benefit if you gain the whole world but lose your own soul?” (Mark 8:36, NLT).