



# Sunday Equipping



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# God Owns It All: Perspective



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# Schedule



June 1, 2025 - Perspective (Ed Dunnington)

June 8, 2025 - Principles (Ed Dunnington)

June 15, 2025 - Live & Give (Ed Dunnington)

June 22, 2025 - Owe & Grow (Paul Chi)

# Table Discussion

1. What childhood experiences or memories have most influenced your view of money or giving?
2. How are money and contentment connected for you?
3. Read the following passages and describe how they connect contentment and money.
  - a. Luke 3:10-14
  - b. Philippians 4:10-13
  - c. 1 Timothy 6:6-10
  - d. Hebrews 13:1-6

# Luke 16:10-13



<sup>10</sup> “One who is faithful in a very little is also faithful in much, and one who is dishonest in a very little is also dishonest in much. <sup>11</sup> If then you have not been faithful in the unrighteous wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? <sup>12</sup> And if you have not been faithful in that which is another's, who will give you that which is your own? <sup>13</sup> No servant can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.”

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# Table Discussion

1. Consider a time in your life when you tried to change your behavior without first identifying the beliefs that informed your behavior. How might the outcome have been different if you had uncovered and changed your beliefs before taking action?
2. What do you think most people believe is the primary purpose of money?
3. What makes us believe money can help us become successful, secure, or significant?
4. If you truly believed that the money you have is God's money, how would you use it differently?

# Matthew 6:19-24



<sup>19</sup> “Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, <sup>20</sup> but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. <sup>21</sup> For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

<sup>22</sup> “The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is healthy, your whole body will be full of light, <sup>23</sup> but if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness! <sup>24</sup> “No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.



# Table Discussion

1. What characteristics are true of someone's life who is content?
2. If you could live from an eternal perspective, how might that impact your level of contentment in your everyday life?
3. If not, what are some of the beliefs that are holding you back from having an eternal perspective in this area of your life?

# Deuteronomy 8:10-16



<sup>10</sup> And you shall eat and be full, and you shall bless the Lord your God for the good land he has given you.

<sup>11</sup> “Take care lest you forget the Lord your God by not keeping his commandments and his rules and his statutes, which I command you today, <sup>12</sup> lest, when you have eaten and are full and have built good houses and live in them, <sup>13</sup> and when your herds and flocks multiply and your silver and gold is multiplied and all that you have is multiplied, <sup>14</sup> then your heart be lifted up, and you forget the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, <sup>15</sup> who led you through the great and terrifying wilderness, with its fiery serpents and scorpions and thirsty ground where there was no water, who brought you water out of the flinty rock, <sup>16</sup> who fed you in the wilderness with manna that your fathers did not know, that he might humble you and test you, to do you good in the end.

# Deuteronomy 8:17-20



<sup>17</sup> Beware lest you say in your heart, ‘My power and the might of my hand have gotten me this wealth.’ <sup>18</sup> You shall remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your fathers, as it is this day. <sup>19</sup> And if you forget the Lord your God and go after other gods and serve them and worship them, I solemnly warn you today that you shall surely perish. <sup>20</sup> Like the nations that the Lord makes to perish before you, so shall you perish, because you would not obey the voice of the Lord your God.

# Stewardship



The use of God-given gifts and resources—such as time, talent, treasure, influence, and relationships—for the accomplishment of God-given goals and objectives.

# Matthew 25:14-22



<sup>14</sup>“For it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted to them his property. <sup>15</sup> To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. <sup>16</sup> He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them, and he made five talents more. <sup>17</sup> So also he who had the two talents made two talents more. <sup>18</sup> But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master's money. <sup>19</sup> Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. <sup>20</sup> And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, ‘Master, you delivered to me five talents; here, I have made five talents more.’ <sup>21</sup> His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.’ <sup>22</sup> And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, ‘Master, you delivered to me two talents; here, I have made two talents more.’

# Matthew 25:23-30



<sup>23</sup> His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.’ <sup>24</sup> He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you scattered no seed, <sup>25</sup> so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here, you have what is yours.’ <sup>26</sup> But his master answered him, ‘You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I scattered no seed? <sup>27</sup> Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest. <sup>28</sup> So take the talent from him and give it to him who has the ten talents. <sup>29</sup> For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance. But from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. <sup>30</sup> And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’

# Table Discussion

1. In verses 14-18 how did the master decide to distribute the talents?
2. In verses 19-23 did the master respond differently to the slave with two talents and the one with five talents? What did he say to each one?
3. In verses 24-27 what did the slave with one talent do wrong? Was he treated fairly?
4. How do your life and your use of resources demonstrate the value you place on eternity?
5. Which of these servants do you view as most similar to you? Why?
6. Take a look at your bank statement or credit card statement and ask yourself, "What do my spending decisions say about what I value most?"

# Table Discussion

1. How has God used money as a tool in your life?
2. Do you think it would be harder to put your trust in God if you had an abundance of money or if you had a shortage of money? Which would you view as a greater test?
3. What would be your reaction if God told you to sell all you have and give it to the poor?
4. How could you use your money to provide a testimony to other people of God's love for you?



# Table Discussion

## **Application**

1. How do you feel encouraged by what you learned this week?
2. How do you sense God moving you to change, based on what you learned this week?
3. Record ways your belief about who owns your money dictated your behavior with respect to your money in the past.
4. How do you see this perspective changing?