

GENEROUS

Leader Conversation Guide – Generous: Money is Spiritual

Main Idea

Money isn't just a practical issue, it's a spiritual one. Jesus talked more about money and possessions than almost any other topic, not because He was concerned with wealth, but because He cared about our hearts. Where our treasure is, our hearts follow. This week's message reminded us that how we view, handle, and prioritize money reveals who we trust most.

When we see money through God's eyes, everything changes. It's no longer about chasing more, it's about living with purpose, contentment, and dependence on the One who richly provides. God's Word invites us to trade the world's wisdom for His way: calling over compensation, contentment over consumerism, dependence over independence, stewardship over ownership, and generosity over greed.

As we begin our discussion, let's open our hearts to the truth that money is deeply spiritual. It's not about what we have, but what we do with what we've been given—and how that reflects our trust in the God who gives it all.

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

MATTHEW 6:21

Make it Practical:

Money is a Spiritual Matter

- Jesus talked more about money and possessions than any other topic because it reveals what we value most.
- How we handle money is a reflection of our heart and our trust in God.
 - Matthew 6:21

God's Way Works

- The world says to pursue more, but God calls us to pursue Him.
- Calling is more important than compensation, contentment is better than consumerism, and dependence on God is stronger than self-reliance.
 - 1 Timothy 6:9–10
 - Philippians 4:12
 - Proverbs 30:8–9

Live Generously and Eternally

- We are stewards, not owners, of what God has entrusted to us.
- Invest in eternal things: People... purpose... God's Kingdom. This leads to lasting joy.
 - Matthew 6:19–20
 - Acts 20:35

Talk About It

Why do you think Jesus talked so much about money and possessions? What does that reveal about the connection between our faith and our finances?

In what areas of your life do you find it hardest to “give careful thought to your ways” (Haggai 1:5-7)? What might it look like to invite God’s wisdom into those decisions?

Generosity is described as “more blessed to give than to receive” (Acts 20:35). Can you share a time when giving—whether your time, resources, or encouragement—brought unexpected joy or strengthened your faith?

God’s way works.

Prayer

Father, thank You for reminding us that everything we have comes from You. Teach us to see money the way You do—not as something to chase, but as something to steward for Your glory. Help us to live with open hands and generous hearts, trusting that Your way truly works. May our lives reflect Your goodness and our giving point others to You. In Jesus’ name, amen.

Next Steps

Invite God into Your Finances

Take time to pray over your financial decisions this week. Ask God to show you where your heart might be more focused on money than on Him, and invite His wisdom to guide your spending, saving, and giving.

Practice Contentment

Instead of focusing on what you don’t have, thank God for what you do have. Each day this week, write down one way God has provided for you—it will shift your perspective from comparison to gratitude.

Choose Generosity

Look for one intentional way to be generous—with your time, encouragement, or resources. Generosity isn’t about the amount; it’s about the heart behind it. When you give, you reflect the character of a generous God.