

SEE THE WORLD

PART 4: Money

INTRODUCTION

We see the world as we are taught to see it. As a result, we hold to views that hold us back. But when we see as God sees, we are more inclined to do as God says. This is even true in the area of our finances. God sees money as a tool. He sees money as a test. He sees money as a trademark, indicating we belong to him. If we attune ourselves to his perspective, it can revolutionize the role of finances in our lives.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. When you were growing up, what were you taught about managing money? Did that advice help or harm you?
2. Read Luke 16:1-15. Because of their love of money, the Pharisees sneered at Jesus' parable. Are there parts of the parable that you resist or that make you uncomfortable? If so, which parts are they? Why do they make you uncomfortable?
3. Respond to the idea that your money and possessions are tools to be used to introduce others to Jesus. How are you challenged by that idea?
4. *"How we manage what we assume is ours reflects our devotion to the One to whom it actually belongs."* Do you agree? Why or why not?
5. Would a person know you belong to God based on the way you manage your money and possessions? Why or why not?
6. What is one thing you can do this week to begin to see your money and possessions the way God sees them? How can this group support you and hold you accountable?

MOVING FORWARD

You have a little bit of time and limited resources. Your money is a tool, test, and a trademark. You won't get to the end of life and wish you'd given less and consumed more. Use your money well. Look for ways to use it all to introduce others to Jesus before you run out of time. It says something about you. It indicates *whose* you are.

CHANGING YOUR MIND

"No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money."

Luke 16:13