

# **The Journey of Faith**

## **Session 11**



**Money and Possessions**

# Teaching Chart

## KEEPING PERSPECTIVE OF WHAT I HAVE

"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." (Matthew 6:2, ESV)

### Biblical Examples of Money/Possessions

Abram (Genesis 13:2)
David (1 Chronicles 29:28)
Job (Job 1:3)
Jesus and Disciples (Luke 8:1-3)

### Attitudes Toward Money/Possessions

Don't LOVE Money (1 Timothy 6:10)
Be Content (Philippians 4:11-12)
Trust God to Provide (Philippians 4:19)
Don't Depend on Riches (Proverbs 11:28)

### Principles from the Parable of the Talents

Everybody is Given Something (Matthew 25:14-15)
God Expects Faithfulness in Using What He Has Given (Matthew 25:16-27)
When We Use What We Have, More is Given (Matthew 25:28-29)

## Lesson

- Overview:** American culture has placed an enormous importance on money and possessions. In fact, they want you to believe that success is evaluated and measured by the size of your bank account, investments, houses, cars, and expensive clothing. However, as a Christian, you have already learned that God does not measure success by the amount of your money and possessions, but your obedience to His Word and will for your life. There is nothing wrong with being rich or having nice things, but you must view your money and possessions with the proper attitude.
- Purpose:** To help believers have the right attitude toward money and possessions
- Verses:** (Philippians 4:11) Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content.  
(1 Timothy 6:10) For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils. It is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs.

- I. Is there anything wrong with being rich or having nice things?
  - A. No! The Bible never mentions money or nice things as being a sin.
  - B. Many godly people in the Bible are mentioned as being rich and owning many possessions.
    - 1. Abram (Abraham)  
(Genesis 13:2)
    - 2. David  
(1 Chronicles 29:28)
    - 3. Job  
(Job 1:3)
    - 4. A group of people supported Jesus Christ financially  
(Luke 8:3)
- II. What should be my attitude toward my money and possessions?
  - A. Money and possessions are not evil, but when you love (or are consumed) with them it becomes sin.  
(1 Timothy 6:10)
  - B. You must be content with what God has given you (rich or poor).  
(Philippians 4:11)
    - 1. God has promised to provide everything you need, but not necessarily everything you want.  
(Philippians 4:19)
    - 2. Peace and contentment are not found in what you possess.  
(Proverbs 11:28)
- III. What should I do if God has blessed or in the future blesses me with money and possessions?
  - A. You must remember that God has chosen to give you those things.
  - B. You must not allow your money and possessions to distract you from serving God.  
(Revelation 3:17)
  - C. You must realize that your riches can be taken from you at any moment.  
(Job 1:21)
  - D. You must recognize that having money and nice things does not really matter or make a difference in how God sees you.  
(Luke 12:15)

# Review

1. Is there anything wrong with having money or nice things?
2. When does money and possessions become a sin (give scriptural support)?
3. Discuss the difference between a need and a want.
4. In the Bible, where did God promise to supply everything that you need?
5. Does your financial status affect God's love and care for you? Why or why not?
6. Briefly explain the purpose of this lesson.

## False Teachings

*Some churches, organizations, or groups are promoting the following false teachings:*

- If you are not rich, God is not pleased with you.
- God desires all people to be rich.
- God will give you everything you want if you have enough faith in Him.