



Beyond The Sermon

A Sermon Application Guide

Title: Money Answers Everything

This guide is designed to offer a simple tool for those wanting to take the next step with Sunday's message. You can print this guide to study on your own, or use it in a group and experience transformation together.

Message Theme & Prayer Focus

The Purpose of Blessing

"Father God, I am so thankful for your constant love and pursuit of me, your desire to walk with me, and bless me. I long to know more of your heart and to reflect you. Show me what I need to see in this message and help me to reflect that truth in all I say and do, in Jesus' name. Amen."

Key Concepts / Truths

Jesus talks, in the book of Mark, about the deceitfulness of riches and how it can choke God's word in our lives. Money can buy us anything but happiness and purpose. It can get us anywhere but heaven.

While Solomon was writing the book of Ecclesiastes, he was looking at everything from a worldly perspective and thought that money would solve all of his problems. He went on to write that he was not satisfied by earthly possessions.

Money's power is extremely limited and very deceitful. It can't heal a broken heart, buy time, health, or joy. We know that money isn't evil, but the love of it is. It's a magnifier of what is already in our hearts.

Almost half of Jesus' parables concern money and possessions because He knew it was something that all of us needed, but money is the number one false god. Money says 'you'll be somebody, and this will make you happy. Jesus says, "*you can lay up for yourselves today, treasures in heaven.*"

The currency we use on Earth does not transfer to heaven. What we are going to take with us is nothing, except that which we have sent ahead, and we do this by sowing our money into God's Kingdom.

What we have doesn't really belong to us because everything, ultimately, belongs to God. We have the opportunity to be stewards of God's possessions, do things, and partner with what He wants to be done on this Earth. The blessing this brings is not just in this life, but affects our eternal life as well.

The Sea of Galilee is full of life and flows into the Dead Sea. With nothing flowing out of the Dead Sea, it can't contain life. This is a perfect picture of how we are to be as Christians. When we give, we'll see life in us.

Key Verses:

Ecclesiastes 10:19 • 1 Timothy 6:9-10 • Matthew 16: 26 • Luke 16:12 • Matthew 6:19-21

Practical Application

Every time something comes into our hands, part of it is for us, and part of it is for others. God tests us with this to see what we are going to do with what He gives us. We can't serve God and money, but we can serve God with our money. The Bible tells us when we serve God, we are laying up treasures in Heaven.

Sometimes giving doesn't come naturally, but understanding the importance of it can make it easier. Giving doesn't only refer to a transaction of finances. Giving has to do with where our heart is concerning everything that we have, whether related to skill, assets, time, or money. Take time each day this week to thank God by specifically naming things He has given to you. Then, see if there are any of those things that you are able to share, donate, give, or bless others with for God's glory. Praise God for what He has done by continuing the blessing and praising Him.

This Week's Declarations

"I choose to keep God at the center of my generosity. I will not be swayed by the desire for earthly possessions. I know that everything is ultimately God's and I honor Him by seeking Him first in all of it. When He calls me to give, I give. When He calls me to love, I love. When He calls me to sow, I sow. I know that living God's way results in joy, providence, health, and long life. I thank God for all that He has blessed me with and I will continue to use it to be a blessing to the world around me for God's glory, in Jesus' name!"

What's Next?

Now it's time to write down anything that the Lord has spoken to you. Praise Him, Thank Him and ask the Holy Spirit to help you walk this out.

Scripture References

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Ecclesiastes 10:19 NKJV

But money answers everything.

Mark 4:19 NKJV

but the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches and the desires for other things enter in and choke the word, and it proves unfruitful.

1 Timothy 6:9-10 AMPC

But those who crave to be rich fall into temptation and a snare and into many foolish (useless, godless) and hurtful desires that plunge men into ruin and destruction and miserable perishing.

Proverbs 11:4 NKJV

Riches do not profit in the day of wrath,
But righteousness delivers from death.

Matthew 16:26 NKJV

For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?

2 Peter 3:10 NKJV

But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up.

Genesis 14:21 NKJV

Now the king of Sodom said to Abram, "Give me the persons, and take the goods for yourself.

Luke 16:12 NKJV

And if you have not been faithful in what is another man's, who will give you what is your own?

Psalms 24:1 NKJV

The earth is the Lord's, and all its fullness,
The world and those who dwell therein.

Luke 16:9 NKJV

And I say to you, make friends for yourselves by unrighteous mammon, that when you fail, they may receive you into an everlasting home.

Philippians 4:14-15 AMP

Nevertheless, it was right of you to share [with me] in my difficulties.
And you Philippians know that in the early days of preaching the gospel, after I left Macedonia, no church shared with me in the matter of giving and receiving except you alone

Matthew 6:19-21 NKJV

Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal...

Philippians 4:17 AMPC

...the harvest of blessing that is accumulating to your account.

2 Timothy 3:10 NKJV

But you, Timothy, certainly know what I teach, and how I live, and what my purpose in life is.

Matthew 6:33 NKJV

But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.

Luke 16:11 NKJV

Therefore if you have not been faithful in the unrighteous mammon, who will commit to your trust the true riches?

Malachi 3:10 NKJV

Bring all the tithes into the storehouse,
That there may be food in My house,
And try Me now in this,”
Says the Lord of hosts,
“If I will not open for you the windows of heaven
And pour out for you such blessing
That there will not be room enough to receive it.

Revelation 2:10 NKJV

the devil is about to throw some of you into prison, that you may be tested, and you will have tribulation ten days.

Matthew 6:24 NKJV

No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon.

Luke 12:15 NKJV

..Take heed and beware of covetousness, for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of the things he possesses

Matthew 6: 19-20 NKJV

Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

John 7:38 NKJV

“He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.”