

Sermon Discussion Guide

Heart Check

Free from the Love of Money

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Big Idea

Whereas greed tells us to take hold of more now to enrich our future, Jesus tells us to take hold of our future to enrich our lives now.

Icebreaker

Where and/or when do you feel most at peace and content?

Discussion Questions

1. Read **I Timothy 6:9-12**. Review verse 9. What somewhat common human desire does Paul warn us about? Are you, or have you ever been, stuck in this trap? If you have been in the past but have made progress getting out from under some of it, how did you do it?
2. Re-read **I Timothy 6:10**. What is the root cause of all kinds of evil? How have we seen this manifest itself in history/the world? Have you ever experienced the negative effects of this “*root of all kinds of evils*” on relationships you have (either of your own doing/immaturity in this area or someone else’s)?
3. Re-read **I Timothy 6:11-12**. Per the verses, what does Jesus want us to pursue instead of “more” worldly stuff? God admits this pursuit is a fight. What makes this Godly alternative pursuit so challenging?
4. Read **Deuteronomy 8:18**. Left to our own thinking what do we often attribute our accomplishments or “wealth” to, as opposed to them being rooted in God? Why is it sometimes difficult to remember that God is the primary source of all we are able to accomplish? What abilities has He given you that you want to thank Him for tonight? How well have you personally managed or stewarded the abilities He has blessed you with up to this point in your life? Is there a change you need to make?
5. Read **Proverbs 6:1-5**. What should our response be when the temptation toward the pursuit of m-o-r-e comes at us? What are some specific triggers, or temptations, for you?

Concluding Question

God didn’t wait to be generous with us. For example, He generously gave us life and provides for us in so many ways in this life. He also ultimately provided salvation thru His Son, Jesus. Are there some specific ways you can start today, rather than waiting, to be generous? Do you have a testimony about your faithfulness in giving that could encourage someone else?

Application

1. What do you think the Holy Spirit may be saying to you through this sermon and our discussion?
2. What is something God wants you to do now?
3. Is there a way we can help each other apply what God is showing us?

Prayer

Possible prayer topics for this week:

- Remaining Grateful
- Buffalo Adult and Teen Challenge