

# Money and Stuff

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*Then he said, "Beware! Guard against every kind of greed. Life is not measured by how much you own."*

**Luke 12:15** NLT

<sup>20</sup> *"But God said to him, 'You fool! You will die this very night. Then who will get everything you worked for?'"* <sup>21</sup> *"Yes, a person is a fool to store up earthly wealth but not have a rich relationship with God."*

**Luke 12:20-21** NLT

## 1. The good news: You are rich!

- God has blessed me with more than I need with material riches
- Acknowledge God as the source of your riches

*And it is a good thing to receive wealth from God and the good health to enjoy it. To enjoy your work and accept your lot in life—this is indeed a gift from God.*

**Ecclesiastes 5:19** NLT

## 2. The bad news: You are rich!

- I am rich, but I will not trust in my riches
- Because I have more, I will...
  - Give more
  - Do more

<sup>24</sup> *When Jesus saw this, he said, "How hard it is for the rich to enter the Kingdom of God!"* <sup>25</sup> *In fact, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the Kingdom of God!"* **Luke 18:24-25** NLT

<sup>17</sup> *Teach those who are rich in this world not to be proud and not to trust in their money, which is so unreliable. Their trust should be in God, who richly gives us all we need for our enjoyment.* <sup>18</sup> *Tell them to use their money to do good. They should be rich in good works and generous to those in need, always being ready to share with others.* <sup>19</sup> *By doing this they will be storing up their treasure as a good foundation for the future so that they may experience true life.*

**1 Timothy 6:17-19** NLT

## Next Steps:

- ☐ Read Jesus' parable in Luke 12:13-21 this week
- ☐ Commit to step off the hamster wheel and not pursue more money by: \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Commit to serve and give: \_\_\_\_\_  
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- ☐ As a rich person, I put my trust in God for my safety, health, and my life
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