## Sermon Questions for Life Groups, Individuals, and Accountability Groups

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## CONNECT:

• Read Acts 20:35. Share a time when you experienced the spiritual blessing that comes from generously giving to other people. How did giving help nurture a sense of joy and blessing in your heart?

## GROW:

- There are over 2,000 verses in Scripture pertaining to money and finances.
  - Why do you think God inspired so many verses in His Word on this single topic?
  - Why is it often viewed as "taboo" to talk about finances in the church?
  - What are some of the most countercultural Biblical instructions for handling our finances? (Hint: check out Matthew 6:24; Mark 4:19; Proverbs 23:4–5; I Timothy 6:6–12; I Timothy 6:17–19)
- In our first point, we discussed choosing "honoring" over "hoarding."
  - Read Proverbs 3:9. What are some practical ways to honor the Lord with our wealth?
  - What are some ways that our culture champions a "hoarding" mentality when it comes to our finances?
  - What do you think are the key differences between hoarding and wise investing/saving?
- In our second point, Solomon warns us to realize that "more" is never enough.
  - What are some of the ways our culture encourages us to desire to have more?
  - o How might we have unknowingly bought into this materialism mindset?
  - Read I Timothy 6:6–10. According to this passage, what things ought we to be content with? How can we cultivate contentment in our lives?
- In our final point, we are encouraged to remember "in God we trust."
  - What are some of the ways we might be tempted to trust in our financial security instead of trusting in God fully for our futures?
  - Read Revelation 3:15–17. How can material blessing actually be dangerous to our spiritual lives if we are not on guard?
  - What are some practical ways that we can increase our trust in God over money?

## <u>GO</u>:

- In the application portion of the sermon, we discussed rethinking "ROI" (return on investment).
  - What are some things that we can invest in that have potential for a massive eternal return on investment?
  - o How can you continue (or begin/expand) prioritizing eternal ROIs as a family?