



WEEK THREE

## TREASURE

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How do we make the most of the monetary resources we've been given?

### STUDY QUESTIONS

**1. How much money would you like to have and what would you do with it if you had it?**

**2. What do you think was Jesus's attitude toward money?** (Here are some clues: Luke 12:15, Matthew 6:19-21, Luke 16:13, and Mark 10:23-27).

When Jesus was a carpenter, what do you think He did with the money He earned, however much it was?

**3. Take a look at the key verses from this week's message: I Timothy 6:17-19. What does verse 17 say is the key reason not to put your trust in money?**

Why is this statement true?

**4. What did Pastor Harry say was the hallmark of the first century church? Why was this characteristic so remarkable?**

**5. Though many people don't want to talk about money when they are in church, it is mentioned in the New Testament more times than either grace or mercy. Grace, for example, is mentioned 127 times, money is mentioned more than 400 times.** Why do you think God would give us four times the counsel regarding our finances than He does for other resources we've been given?

**6. Look up Ephesians 4:28. Restated, this verse says that first (level 1), we aren't to steal, and secondly, (level 2) that we are instead to work. But the verse ends with a third directive.** What is it?

Author and pastor Mark Driscoll has said: "Too many Christians live on level two. Almost all the forces of our culture urge them to live on level two. But God pushes us to level three and critiques level two." What does he mean by this?

How does God critique level 2? (See verses in Study Question #2)

**7. Check out 2 Corinthians 9:6-15. Write down as many promises and principles regarding giving as you see expressed here.** (Example: God is the provider of everything we give. verse 10). There are at least ten.

**Personal Meditation:** This week, spend some time considering that every purchase you make is a value statement. What does your current handling of your finances say about what you value?

**Memorize Romans 12:1** - "Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you." (TNIV)