

LEGACY

Legacy

Small Group Questions: Part 2 Leaving a Financial Legacy

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Read

Luke 12:16–21; 1 Corinthians 6:19–20; Psalm 24:1; Deuteronomy 8:18; Hebrews 11:13–26; and 2 Corinthians 9:6–7

Reflect

In Luke 12, Jesus tells the parable of a rich man who decides to hoard his abundant harvest and build bigger barns to store it all. But God tells him that his life is about to be demanded of him. How are we sometimes like the rich man? How would you define living “the good life”? Is it the same as an abundant life?

Pastor Greg discusses how we can develop an “abundance” mindset:

1. Give yourself to God.
 - a. In which of the following ways, might you be giving into the scarcity mentality?
 - i. What resources always seem limited to you?
 - ii. Do you tend to use negative language about your life? How do you fill in the following:
 1. I’m not ___ enough; I don’t ___ enough.
 - b. What possession is hardest to give over to God, and why?
 - i. Is there a title or identity that goes along with it that is even harder to give up?
 - c. Is Jesus saying that accumulating wealth is wrong? Explain.
 - d. When have you experienced envy rather than contentment when someone else succeeded?
 - e. Do you believe God has your best interest at heart? Explain.
2. Act like a steward, not an owner.
 - a. How hard is it to view the money you “earn” as God’s?
 - b. Why did Jesus tell this parable? Why does God want us to be stewards rather than owners?
 - c. What do you sense God wants you to do next with your finances?
3. Take a long-term view.
 - a. What’s the difference between leaving a legacy and leaving money?
 - b. What is your long-term vision?
 - c. What are you doing to develop an eternal perspective rather than focusing on the worldly?
 - d. When have you relied on God’s provision rather than your own?
 - i. How might this attitude or practice (of relying on God’s provision) be a legacy to pass on?
4. Be intentional with your resources.
 - a. What practical planning steps do you need to take today?
 - b. Have you asked God what the best use of your time and resources are currently?
 - i. What can you do today to change somebody else’s tomorrow?
 - c. When has obedience turned into the joy of giving?

Respond: Where is God leading you? How can your small group support you?