# A New Perspective Lord of the Fries – Part 1 Dr Jeffrey Allen Love

"No one can serve two masters. For you hate one and love the other; you will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and be enslaved to money."

Matthew 6:24 (p.737)

## It's Not About Your Money, It's About Your <u>HEART</u>.

"And this same God who takes care of me will supply all your needs from his glorious riches, which have been given to us in Christ Jesus." Philippians 4:19 (p.901)

"My God will supply all of my needs from his glorious riches, which have been given to me in Christ Jesus."

(Paraphrase of Philippians 4:19)

# 1. Recognize God Provides For All My Needs.

"Their trust should be in God, who richly gives us all we need for our enjoyment."

1 Timothy 6:17b (p.913)

- Spiritually
- <u>Emotionally</u>
- Physically

"Everything we have has come from you, and we give you only what you first gave us!"

1 Chronicles 29:14b (p.332)

### 2. Remember God Is God.

"When I think of all this, I fall to my knees and pray to the Father, the Creator of everything in heaven and on earth. I pray that from his glorious, unlimited resources he will empower you with inner strength through his Spirit." Ephesians 3:14-16 (p.896)

### 3. Realize God Does Not Need Resources.

"But I do not need the bulls from your barns or the goats from your pens. For all the animals of the forest are mine, and I own the cattle on a thousand hills. I know every bird on the mountains, and all the animals of the field are mine. If I were hungry, I would not tell you, for all the world is mine and everything in it."

Psalms 50:9-12 (p.436)

Series Memory Verse: "Wherever your treasure is, there the desires of your heart will also be."

Matthew 6:21 (p.737)

My Next Step This Week: \_\_\_ I will look at my last month's purchases to see where my spending says my heart is at and ask God if there is anything He wants me to change in my finances to change my heart.

### Discussion/Groups Guide: Lord of The Fries - Part 1

Life Groups use this guide in their discussion and study of the Weekend Talk. Use this also as a discussion guide with your family and friends.

#### Conversation Starters

- What restaurant do you think serves the best french fries? Why?
- Have you ever binge-watched a show and watched all the episodes in a day or two?
  - When you did that, where was your attention? How did you feel about other things happening around you?
- Do you feel like money and possessions have similar control over us if we let it?

#### **Quick Review**

Looking back at your Weekend Talk Notes, was there anything you heard in the service that stood out to you, challenged you, or maybe even confused you?

### Discussion Starters from the Weekend Talk

Refer to the Talk Notes and Bible verses from the Talk Notes.

Our One Thing: It's Not About Your Money, It's About Your HEART.

Series Memory Verse: Matthew 6:21

One Voice Bible Story Background: Psalms 50:9-12 - God Owns Everything

- When you read those verses, how did it make you feel?
- Why is it important to remember that God owns everything, and He doesn't need anything from us?

Our teaching focused on three application points:

- 1. Recognize God Provides For All My Needs. (1 Timothy 6:17b; 1 Chronicles 29:14b)
- God gives us everything we need physically, spiritually, and emotionally. Yet we can find ourselves relying on something else to provide for our needs.
  - o What are some examples of things we can look for provision in that are not God and what does the outcome look like when we lean on those things?

- Where does 1 Chronicles 29:14b say that our provisions come from?
- 2. Remember God is God. (Ephesians 3:14-16)
  - Have you ever had to remind yourself that God is God in a situation where you were relying on something else for provision?
  - Why do we even need to be reminded that God is God?
    - Look at Ephesians 3:14-16. How does this verse relate to remembering that God
       is God?
- 3. Realize God Does Not Need Resources. (Psalms 50:9-12)
  - Read Psalms 50:9-12 again.
  - Does it give you peace knowing that God created everything and really doesn't need anything from you?
  - Is there something in your life that you have not given to God yet? What is holding you back?
  - Whatever or whoever we open our hands to, we also open our hearts to. Read Matthew 6:26-30.
    - How does this verse change your thoughts about holding back and not giving to God?

# Next Step

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