



An Eye For It

Passage: Matthew 6:19-24

Getting on the Same Page

When it comes to our finances, most of us believe that the connection between happiness and money is determined by the amount of money we have. If money hasn't made us happy so far, it's only because we don't have enough. But if your goal is to find true happiness, no amount of money will ever be enough. Ultimately, it's not about acquiring more, rather true happiness is found in greater appreciation for what you have.

The sober reality is that some of the most irrefutable evidence of our spiritual health is our relationship to money and our possessions. Paul calls this evidence "excelling in the grace of giving".

Discussion Questions

Getting Started

- Talk about a time when you thought a material possession would make you happy (we've all thought it). Did you acquire that possession? If so, how long did your happiness last?
- Have you ever met someone who was happy despite having little money? If so, what stood out about that person?

- It's been said that discontentment is the gap between your expectations and reality. To what extent does discontentment currently drive your behavior and undermine your sense of peace?

Study

Read Matthew 6:19-24

- What comes to mind when you think of money? Do any emotions come up? Do you talk about money? Why is it such a difficult topic to discuss?
- What does the Bible say about money? What have you read, studied, or heard that has informed your thinking about money?
- What does Jesus say about money? Why does Jesus talk about money so much?
- How does Matthew 6:19–21 relate to Matthew 6:1–18? What is the relationship between rewards and treasure?
- What does Jesus say about treasure? What is personally instructive about Jesus's words? How does the concept of "currency conversion" help you think about money?
- What is the contrast between a "good eye" and "bad eye"? Where does a good eye come from?

Reflect

Respond to each of these statements? Agree? Disagree? Why?

- Generosity is not an idea, hope, or desire, it is a choice. Generosity is a choice that sets a direction and becomes a lifestyle. Generosity is a primary means by which we become like Jesus.
- Generosity isn't about the money, it is about the status and orientation of our heart.
- Jesus taught that life becomes incredibly dark when we become blind to the generosity of God in our lives and insulate ourselves from the struggles of those in our sphere.

Apply

- How would you connect the dots between your experience of grace, gratitude, growth, and generosity in your own life?
- In what ways do you look at your resources through the lens of acquisition? How might your approach to generosity change if that lens shifted to one of appreciation?
- When was the last time you evaluated your personal growth in the area of generosity? What did you discover?
- What is the next step of growth that you need to take to further "excel in the grace of giving"?

