

PERSPECTIVE:
GOD'S VIEW OF MONEY
Week 1: The Treasure Principle
Small Group Participant Guide

Group Time

Discussion Questions

1. Ponder the financial example your family set for you. E.g. Did they plan out their spending wisely? Were they savers? Did they share with others? Was there stress in the home over money? Or, perhaps you were left in the dark and have no idea. Has your family shaped your perspective of money? Share.
2. Read Matthew 6:19-21. What does it mean in verse 20 “to store up for yourself treasures in heaven” rather than on earth? Do you agree with Jesus’ statement in verse 21: “Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also”? Discuss.
3. Read Matthew 6:24. What opposing forces are present in this verse? Why are they opposing and how are they related to the heart? Explain what Pastor Dan meant when he said that we should not serve money, but money should serve us. Do you find this true in your own life? Share.
4. Aside from not being able to pay our bills, why is it important to know where our money is going? Discuss various money tracking methods that group members have found effective or are familiar with that others can use this week (envelope system, Mint.com, Quicken, credit card or bank statements). It’s beneficial to partner with a friend or family members you make these lifestyle improvements, so we suggest that you find a partner to check in with regularly via text, email or on the phone, for accountability, encouragement and assistance.

Taking it Home

Going Deeper

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Memory Verse

Matthew 6:20-21: “But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys, and where thieves do not break in or steal; for where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

Personal Action Step

Track your spending for a week. You can download a helpful resource on our website. Go to **wateroflifecc.org** and click “**Perspective Series Resources**” in the top banner. If you are unable to download this resource, we have a limited number of printed copies available at the Welcome Center. Many are also finding the **Every Dollar App** is a great tool which you can find at **daveramsey.com**.