

Sermon Discussion Questions
Our Relationship with Money

1. The sermon opened with the story of the Wendel family in Manhattan, NY. They were misers with their wealth. Would you say you are a saver or a spender; are you more of a miser or a generous person? If you are married, are you both on the same page when it comes to money? Money issues are often a leading cause for divorces. Why do you think this is?
2. The national debt went over \$21 trillion (\$21 with 12 zeroes after it!) this past March. Debt is a way of life in America. Do you think the hand-cuff illustration was accurate—that people are in bondage to debt? Why or why not?
 - a. What wisdom does Proverbs 3:27-28 and James 4:13-14 give us when we think about going into and getting out of debt?
 - b. What can we do to help others handle and overcome their debt?
3. Some would say Romans 13:8 tells us we should not have any debt, however, what are the words used in this verse? When we think of rent, utilities, mortgages, television services, etc., do we have monthly bills? What does this verse tell us about those expenses?
 - a. Given the context of the next verse (Romans 13:9), what is the opposite of what v.8 tells us?
4. Proverbs 22:26-27 gives us wisdom on co-signing for someone on their loan. What is the instruction? Would there ever be exceptions to what this Proverb teaches?
5. There were four questions that were asked in the sermon. Of the four questions which one is the easiest for you to answer “the Lord” and which is the hardest for you to answer “the Lord.” Explain.
6. Jeremy mentioned the Compass Financial program that will be offered starting next week at church (as well as in HDG’s if they choose to do it). It is a six-week course. Even if you feel your financial house is in order (of if it is not in order), what benefit do you think this class/course would offer to you?
7. The Bible warns over and over again not to love money (some passages are listed below)—so it must be an issue for people. How can we know that we sincerely love the Lord more than our material possessions and/or our money?
 - a. Colossians 3:5
 - b. 1 Timothy 3:2-3
 - c. 1 Timothy 6:6-12
 - d. Hebrews 13:5