

PART 4: Money Matters DATE: 07-29-2018

START

Have you ever caught yourself trying to “keep up with the Joneses?” You see your neighbor get a new car, you see your coworker get a fancy new piece of tech, or maybe your in-law got a huge new house. Maybe you said “good for them,” or maybe you went out and maxed out your credit card to have something nice also.

- What is your most prized possession? Why is it so special?
- Have you ever went and bought something because of someone else?
- Have you ever found yourself, or know someone that has found themselves in trouble financially because they have no guardrails when it comes to their finances?

READ

[Matthew 6:31-33](#)

So do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ For the pagans run after all these things, and heavenly Father knows that you need them. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

THINK

Culture tells us to consume, consume, consume. Everywhere you look there is advertising to buy more, spend more, upgrade everything you have. We are told to consume everything you have, after all it’s yours, you earned it. If we follow the way of the world of living first, saving second, and giving last we will miss out on what God has to offer.

- Are you a spender or a saver? In what way have you benefited from that tendency? In what ways has it been challenging?
- How do you determine the difference between want and need?
- Do you view your resources as yours to use the way you want, or do you tend to view your resources as a tool to help others?

Dan said, “You give first, you save second, and you live on the rest.”

- If you follow these steps, how is it impacted your life?
- If you don’t follow these steps, how do you think your finances would look if you did follow them?
- Do you feel like you are the master of your money, or your money is the master of you?

PRAY

Ask God to help you see what you need to give up, and for the wisdom to organize your finances so you are able to give, save, and live.

ACT

This week, sit down and go through your finances. Is there anything that can be cut? Is there anywhere spending can be lowered? Begin to formulate a plan that allows you to give, save, and live.

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