



Digging Deeper:

Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need. "So don't worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring its own worries. Today's trouble is enough for today." - Matthew 6:33-34 (NLT)

Go around and come up with a list of all the things that try to grab our time, attention, and even worry. Now have everyone individually order the list from most important to least important. Compare lists and see if you can come up with a consensus for your family.

"In everything I did, I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the weak, remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said: 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'" -Acts 20:35 (NIV)

In his sermon Pastor Jim said to start with returning an initial gift to God. Using this verse as a guide, talk about examples of this being true. Talk about the word "blessed". Obviously, there are many ways that God blesses us when we are faithful. The world would certainly suggest that it is way more fun (blessed) to receive (ie. Christmas gifts)... be ready to share an example of a time you were blessed by giving.

Activity:

Financial Freedom!

- Read James 1:17 – Discuss what gifts God has given to you.
- Read Proverbs 3:9 – Discuss what it means to honor God with these gifts.

Basic Budgeting Activity

Have your kids set up 3 jars and label them:

- 1) Spending
- 2) Saving
- 3) Giving

Discuss how you would determine how much of every dollar should go into each jar?

Have an easy way for them to earn some money to put in their jars as soon as possible.