The god of money wants us to think that ________ is getting lots of ________.

B. The person who has _______ and ____________, has no more than the person who has _______ and ____________.

C. Jesus made it clear that we cannot serve both _______ and ___________.

D. Jesus warns people far more about _______ than about ________, and yet almost no one thinks they are guilty of ________.

E. The first biblical person that I want us to learn from is a man whom the Bible does not name, but we often refer to him as the “__________ ________.” (Luke 12)

F. The primary key to keeping money in its rightful place is to remember that it all _______ to ________. (Psalm 24:1)

G. The rich man in the story was looking to money to do for him the very things God should be doing for him. He looked to money as his source of:
   1. _____________. 2. _____________. 3. _____________.

H. The second biblical person I want us to learn from is a man named ____________.
   1. He had more many than he could spend, but he knew that something _________ was _________.
   2. He wanted to follow Jesus, but he realized that his relationship with _________ was an issue.

I. God will help us to stop serving the god of money, but we must _________ that _________.

J. Questions for Introspection:
   1. How often do you compare what you _____ and what you ______ to others?
   2. How much _______ do finances add to your life?
   3. To what extent are your ________ and ________ driven by money?
   4. What is your attitude toward __________?

The god of money was almost irresistible. He spun tales of sports cars, luxury homes, and all the good things he was going to buy for us. Yes, we had heard the old refrain that money can’t buy happiness. We knew that. We had seen what it had done to people over and over.

But we were going to be different. We would know how to use money without letting it use us. We didn’t want to buy happiness; we just wanted to rent a little pleasure. But somewhere it all went wrong. Somehow the god of money became a slave driver.

He kept us running, following him, trying to keep him from getting away. We followed the green brick road until we longed for rest. We put our hope in what we might find at the end of the rainbow. We thought money would provide us with security, significance, and some measure of satisfaction. But strangely even when we had money we still felt broke.

Then we chose Jesus and discovered that he is our provider. He provides everything we need. He provides us with security because he never leaves us or forsakes us. He provides us with significance because our identity and value are found in his love. He provides us with satisfaction because our souls were made for him. We discovered that God would meet all our needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus. (Kyle Idleman, “Jesus My Provider”)

K. Closing Illustration: Charlies Dickens’ “__________ ________ ________.”