



BREAKING FREE FROM THE MONEY TRAP

Give Strategically – Investing in Eternity

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Outline

Read 1 Timothy 6:9-19 and review the outline:

I. Run from the biggest financial blunders – v. 17

- A. Don't be haughty because of what you have
- B. Don't start trusting in what you have

II. Reach for the biggest financial blessings – v. 18

- A. Find out where every dollar is going by getting on a budget
- B. Stop being somebody else's slave – by reducing debt
- C. Show God How You Trust Him and Not Your Money – by Giving Away at Least 10% of Your Income (Tithe)

III. Rest in the best financial security – the treasury of God – v. 19

Sermon Discussion:

I. Conversation Starter Questions

- A. How would you spend a million dollars?!
- B. Is there an example of a time in your life that you were given a gift that left you speechless?
- C. Why is it that there can be more joy in giving than receiving? When have you seen this happen?
- D. What is the difference between being financially prepared and **trusting** in what you have?
- E. How is it possible to enjoy financial blessings in a godly way? What does that look like practically?
- F. When is debt ok?
- G. What's been your perspective on tithing?

II. Application Questions

- A. Do you see that you're both "ready to give" and "willing to share"? If not, what steps do you need to take?
- B. Do you live on a budget? What does that look like in your life/family?
- C. How can you rest more in the financial security of God?
- D. What steps do you need to take as a result of this?
 - 1. Pray for the courage and humility to do some hard things?
 - 2. Make a plan
 - 3. Ask for some help for someone to walk with you

III. Gospel Connection – We have been given the most precious gift of heaven—Jesus. How much more can we trust that the Lord will provide our every need as we trust Him with all.

IV. Prayer Focus Ideas

- A. Is anyone a slave to debt? What step is the Lord calling you to take?
- B. How can you be "ready to give" and "willing to share"?