



BREAKING FREE

FROM THE MONEY TRAP

Give Strategically, Part 2

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Outline

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

I. Biggest Financial Blunders – v. 17

II. Biggest Financial Blessings – v. 18

III. Best Financial Security – God's Treasury – v. 19

- A. Don't just push your giving into the category of cost and loss
- B. Don't ignore the serious implications of what your giving reveals about where your soul is headed

IV. What Would the Fight of Faith Look Like?

- A. Stop guessing what you're giving – get the facts
- B. Don't just hope to give – lock it in
- C. Don't set it and forget it – plan to grow
- D. Don't Fail to take care of your own family first

V. Don't Expect Financial Principles to Do for You what only Knowing and Loving Jesus can Do

Sermon Discussion:

I. Conversation Starter Questions

- A. If you could buy/build a dream house anywhere in the world, where would it be?
- B. What's stood out to you the most during this series?
- C. What do you think of the point: "The depth of your perception determines the direction in your life"?
- D. What does it mean to *Fight the good fight of faith?* (v. 12) Why is it a fight?
- E. What can seem strange about thinking specifically and strategically about our giving to God?
- F. How can we be sure our giving is not earning anything from God, but an expression of trust in what He has already done for us?

II. Application Questions

- A. How have you seen giving affect your soul personally?
- B. What's one thing you've put into practice, or are committed to putting into practice regarding your \$\$?
- C. Does it seem real that your giving is an eternal investment?

III. Gospel Connection – Financial principles are not the gospel! We give because of what we've already been given so abundantly in Christ! To supplement read 2 Corinthians 8-9 to see the focus of Jesus in giving.

IV. Prayer Focus Ideas

- A. Pray for GFC and the use of funds now that the building is paid!
- B. Pray for us all to have generous hearts – ready to use what the Lord has blessed us with for whatever He asks.
- C. Pray for eternal perspectives with all we have, investing in what will never fail.