



Christianity In Real Life

When the Checkbook is Empty

Luke 6:20, 24

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20 And he lifted up his eyes on his disciples, and said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. ... **24** "But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. (ESV)

1. Know _____ (v.20)

2. Find _____ (v.24)

Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. It is also helpful when you are able to discuss your answers with others.

1. Read **Proverbs 6:6-11**. Why is this biblical warning in Proverbs 6 important to keep in mind when considering the words of Christ in Luke 6:20?
2. Read **Luke 12:22-31**. Why is anxiety such an affront to God? What are some of the other negative effects of the worry and anxiety that Jesus spoke of in this text?
3. Read **Luke 16:10-12**. What specific and practical steps can you take to ensure that your values increasingly reflect the teaching of Christ in this passage?
4. Read **Psalms 37:16-26**. How do assurances like this impact the way you view your priorities?
5. Read **2 Corinthians 8:1-9**. How do giving, sharing, and generosity reflect what you really believe about money?

The CBC Bible Reading Schedule for this Week:

Go to ESV.org (Reading Plans: Through the Bible) for schedule prompts.

October 13th
Is.50-52 & 1Th.1
October 14th
Is.53-55 & 1Th.2
October 15th
Is.56-58 & 1Th.3
October 16th
Is.59-61 & 1Th.4
October 17th
Is.62-64 & 1Th.5
October 18th
Is.65-66 & 2Th.1
October 19th
Jer.1-2 & 2Th.2
October 20th
Jer.3-4 & 2Th.3

The following related sermons are also available for free as mp3 downloads or audio streaming on the Focal Point Website (FocalPointMinistries.org).

Msg. # 12-39 – **The Wealth of Those Who Don't Seem to Have Much**
Msg. # 09-24 – **Faith, Stress & Money: Rethinking Biblical Faith in a Down Economy**
Msg. # 08-05 – **Money Madness: Finding Peace in the Storm of Materialism**
Msg. # 06-37 – **Where You're Planted: When the Grass Looks Greener**
Msg. # 12-25 – **God in Everyday Life**
Msg. # 11-07 – **Excelling in Generosity**
Msg. # 10-33 – **Strategic Rest & A Godly Work Ethic**

Here are some books which may assist you in a deeper study of the truths presented in today's sermon. While Pastor Mike cannot endorse every concept presented in each book, he does believe these resources will be helpful in profitably thinking through today's topic.

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Henry, Matthew. **The Pleasantness of a Religious Life: A Puritan's View of the Good Life**. Christian Focus, 1998.
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Pao, David W. **Thanksgiving: An Investigation of a Pauline Theme**. InterVarsity Press, 2003.
Sherman, Doug and William Hendricks. **Your Work Matters to God**. NavPress, 1987.
Smith, Christian. **Passing the Plate: Why American Christians Don't Give Away More Money**. Oxford Press, 2008.
Watson, Thomas. **The Art of Divine Contentment**. Soli Deo Gloria Publications, 1653 (reprint, 1998).
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