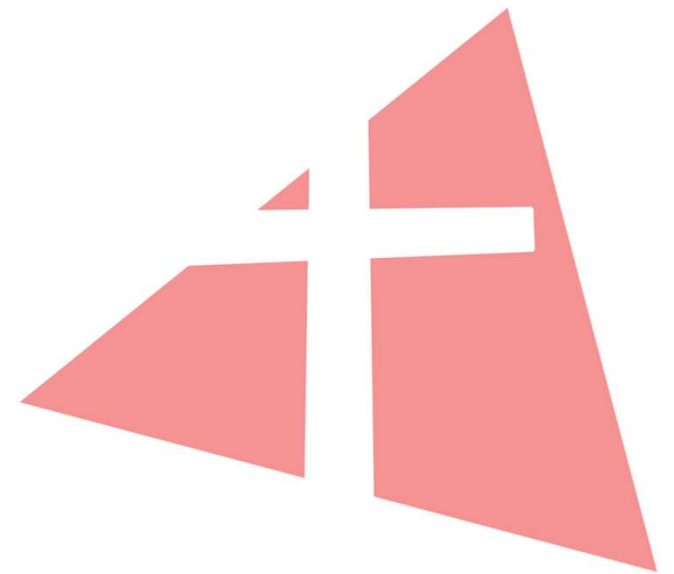


Money: Money says ..., but God says...

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Our Series: Money

○ Last week

- Money is meant to be a blessing, but can be dangerous
- Everything we have belongs to God
- Our budget is one of the clearest indicators on how we are currently doing in our Faith

Matthew 6:21 For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.



Today's Focus

- Money says ..., but God says...

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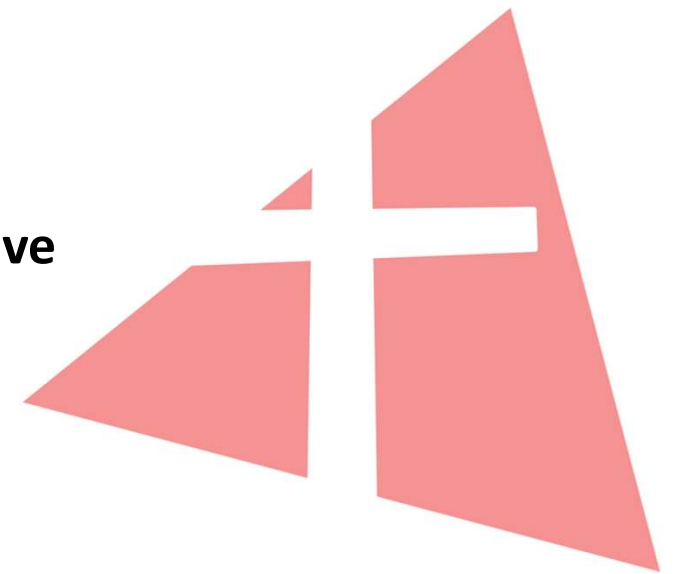
How God created us

- **God put needs inside of us**
- **God created us to worship**
- **God created us to seek someone/something to worship and to fulfill these needs**
- **We choose who/what we believe will satisfy our needs**
- **Then we will do whatever our “God” tells us to do**



Money

- **Money claims to give us what we are looking for in God**
 - Significance
 - Security
 - Satisfaction
 - ...
- **Money gives us very different instructions in how we should live**



We choose and follow

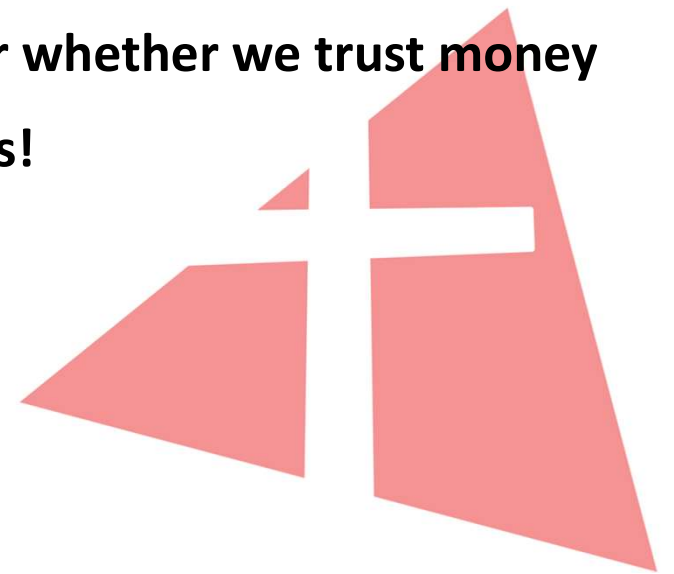
- We choose whether we trust God or money
- If we choose to trust God, we will do what God tells us to do
- If we choose to trust money, we will do what money tells us to do
 - We will serve money
- But we cannot do both

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Actions > Words

- Our actions concerning money tell us whether we trust God or whether we trust money
- If we follow money's instructions we are not followers of Jesus!



Who owns it?

Money

The money you have is yours!

God

***Psalm 24:1** The earth is the LORD'S, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein.*

Security

Money

The more money you have,
the more secure you will be

God

Proverbs 3:25-26 Be not afraid of sudden fear,
neither of the ruin from the wicked, when it comes.
For the LORD shall be your confidence, and shall keep
your foot from being snared.

Psalms 37:25 I have been young, and now am old; yet
have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his
offspring begging bread.

Philippians 4:19 But my God shall supply all your
need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

Giving and Generosity

Money

Keep everything for yourself.
You might need it later.

God

Malachi 3:8-10 Will a man rob God? Yet you have robbed me. But you say, How have we robbed you? In tithes and offerings. You are cursed with a curse: for you have robbed me, even this whole nation. Bring you all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house, and test me now in this, says the LORD of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it.

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God

2 Corinthians 9:6-7 *But this I say, He who sows sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he who sows bountifully shall reap also bountifully. Every man according as he purposes in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loves a cheerful giver.*

Who provides for us?

Money

You need to provide for yourself and fight for your money

God

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Future

Money

Plan out the rest of your life early, stick to the plan and make it work

God

***Philippians 4:6-7** Be anxious for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passes all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.*

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Money

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God

Matthew 6:33-34 But seek you first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you. Take therefore no thought for tomorrow: for tomorrow shall take thought of the things for itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof.

What do we deserve?

Money

You deserve what other people around you have as well

God

Romans 1:18 For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness;

Romans 6:23 For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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Exodus 20:17 You shall not covet your neighbor's house, you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his donkey, nor any thing that is your neighbor's.

Greed

Money

If you have a little bit more money, you will be happier

God

1 Timothy 6:6-8 But godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. And having food and clothing let us be with these things content.

Pleasure

Money

More money will enable you to have more pleasure

God

Psalm 16:11 You will show me the path of life: in your presence is fulness of joy; at your right hand there are pleasures forevermore.

Our Worth

Money

The more money you make,
the more you are worth

God

1 Peter 2:9-10 *But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own; that you should show forth the praises of him who has called you out of darkness into his marvelous light: Who in time past were not a people, but are now the people of God: who had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy.*

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John 1:12-13 *But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the children of God, even to them that believe on his name: Who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.*

Work

Money

You are working for yourself, to make as much money for yourself as you can.

God

1 Corinthians 10:31 *Whether therefore you eat, or drink, or whatsoever you do, do all to the glory of God.*

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Ephesians 6:5-8 *Servants, be obedient to them that are your masters according to the flesh, with fear and trembling, in singleness of your heart, as unto Christ; Not with eye service, as men pleasers; but as the servants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart; With good will doing service, as to the Lord, and not to men: Knowing that whatsoever good thing any man does, the same shall he receive of the Lord, whether he be bond or free.*

Source and Channel

Money

Money is the source. Jesus can help you get more money

God

God is the source of everything. God uses money as a channel to bless us.

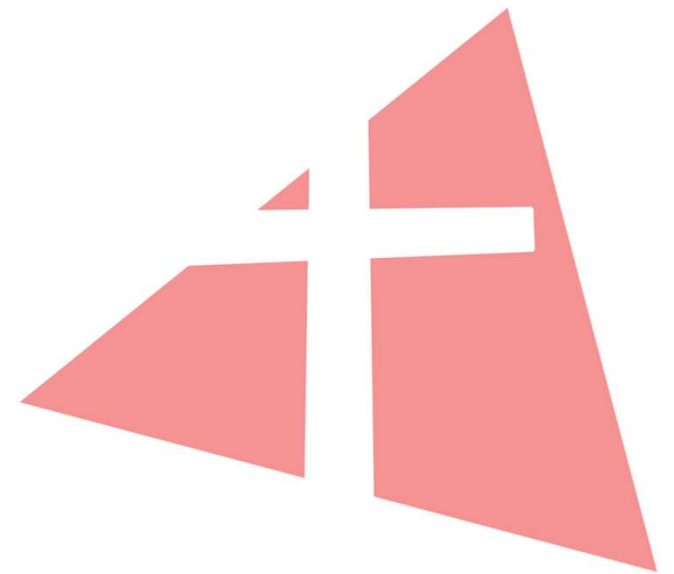
Words and Actions

- We can say whatever we want about whether we believe these Bible verses
- Our actions reveal what we truly believe



God's Design vs. Reality

- **God created money to serve us**
- **But many people in the church are actually serving money**



Closing Question

- Who am I serving?

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