

Discussion Questions God or Goods

1. When it comes to your personal finances do you budget and track every dollar that goes in and out or do you just kinda go with the flow and hope it works out at the end of the month or are you somewhere in between?
2. How nervous are you on a scale of 1-10 when we talk about money in church?
3. The Bible talks a lot about money. Do you build your financial strategies on biblical principles or something else?
4. In Matthew 6:19-24 Jesus identifies 4 reasons why we should give generously:
 - To build eternal value - When we compare this heavenly treasure with earthly treasure that can be gone with the decay of time or the next market crash it's clear what the greater value is. But this heavenly treasure isn't something we can see and experience now so it's often out of our mind. Does building heavenly value motivate you to give? why or why not?
 - To identify your true desire - Jesus says, "Where your treasure is there your heart will be also." Where would you say your true desire is now? Is it for heaven and kingdom work or is it for your earthly comfort and stuff?
 - To exhibit a proper perspective - Is your eye good in the sense of having the proper perspective of your earthy vs heavenly treasure? Do you find yourself coveting what other people have or struggling with greed?
 - To prove your devotion - In v. 24 Jesus lays down an ultimatum when he says, "you cannot serve both God and money." There is no middle ground. Either you are fully devoted to God or you are fully devoted to money. What must you do to continually remind yourself that you ought to be fully devoted to God not your money?
5. The big idea is to choose today whether you will serve God or goods. Have you made that choice or are you teetering on the line? Point to aspects of your life that prove this choice (you may choose to share these in discussion groups and simply reflect on these answers yourself)
6. Are you confident that your generosity to LifeBridge is being used well? Are you excited about the vision of LifeBridge as expressed in our Make Space campaign?