

becoming <b>financially</b> alive		<b>28</b> May
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spiritually | physically | relationally | emotionally | **financially**

<p><b>key passages</b></p> <p>Deuteronomy 10:14          Habakkuk 2:4          Haggai 2:8          Psalm 24:1          Proverbs 15:16, 17, 16:8, 22:7, 28:6          Matthew 6:19-24          Mark 12:41-44          1 Corinthians 6:19-20</p>
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Talking through the biblical text during the week helps turn what God is saying into action steps. Here are some questions to start.

- What questions and comments do you have about the sermon and supporting texts?
- This week we are looking at becoming **Fully Alive: financially**. What does this look like for you? What are some signs that you are **fully alive** financially?
- What have you done in the last week that has helped you become more **fully alive** in an area(s) of your life?
- Why do you think the Bible makes a big deal about money and how we use it?
- Why do you think we often view our money as our own money? Why do you think we often make a sharp division between the sacred and the secular?

Read **Mark 12:41-44**

- What does Jesus teach his disciples in this passage?
- What would Jesus say about your giving?
- Do you live with a conscious awareness that everything you have is really the Lord's? How does this impact: a) your spending, and b) your use of your available resources?

Read **Matthew 6:19-24**

- How do we store up treasures "*in heaven*" **v20**?
- What does Jesus mean when he says "*For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.*" **v21**?
- What does Jesus mean when he talks about "*the eye*" **v22-23**? Why do you think he uses this metaphor?
- How can we understand "*hate... and... love*" in **v24**?
- Pastor Mike said: a) don't trust money; b) don't love money; and c) don't waste money. How do we do these things? Why? Why is it so easy to get trapped by the allure of money?
- What do you find it easiest to spend your money and time on?
- We can break the power that money has over us by investing finances through a) saving and b) giving. In what way(s) are these healthy uses of money? Can they become misused?
- Generosity is about far more than money. It also relates to power, to relationships, to hospitality, to ministry, and above all, to grace. In what ways? Where and how is God stretching you in terms of generosity?