

Discussion Guide



Ice Breaker What is your favorite Thanksgiving dish? Do you like Thanksgiving leftovers?

- 1) Pastor Tom explained, "It's often our emotions that drive us down unhealthy, unhelpful, or even dangerous financial pathways." Have you seen emotions govern financial decisions in someone's life before? How about your own?
- 2) Name the emotions that, for you, have most often been connected to money. How have these emotions influenced your decision making?
- 3) Read Romans 12:1-2. Pastor Tom said, "a change in our financial situation starts with how we think about money." How does our thinking effect our emotions?
- 4) Read Mark 10:21-22; Acts 5:3-4; John 12:4-6; Luke 22:3-6. In these passages, how were people's financial decisions tied up in emotions?
- 5) Pastor Tom explained, "emotions are a part of every part of our life, including the financial part of life. But we need our emotions to not be distorted by our sinful nature...We need to be Spirit-filled financial managers." How do you respond to this statement? In what ways have you seen this truth worked out in someone's life? How about your own?
- 6) Read Ephesians 5:18; Galatians 5:24-25. How can you take tangible steps to live out the calling in these verses this week? How can our group help each other take a next step in this area?

Personal Guide

Day 1: Read Psalm 21

Day 2: Read Psalm 22

Day 3: Read Psalm 23

Day 4: Read Psalm 24

Day 5: Read Psalm 25

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**MESSAGE NOTES & SMALL GROUP
DISCUSSION // PERSONAL GUIDES**

"Money Makes Me Feel..."
November 25, 2018



“Money Makes Me Feel...”
[Tom Lundeen, Senior Pastor]

MESSAGE NOTES

It's often our _____ that drive us down unhealthy, unhelpful, or even dangerous financial pathways.

We aren't particularly _____ creatures when it comes to money. (Weston)

S_____ opens the shades of our heart for all to see, and; Money is a r_____ of what's inside us. (Goulard)

A change in our financial situation starts with how we _____ about money (note Romans 12:1-2).

1. The E_____ of Money

3 most common emotions about money:

- _____
- Shame
- _____

There are all kinds of feelings that lead us into _____ choices with money:

- _____ feelings...
- Being _____...
- Fear...
- Feeling _____...
- On the other hand, t_____ makes us more patient...

Note Mark 10:21-22; Acts 5:3-4; John 13:29; John 12:4-6; Luke 22:3-6

No one would remember the Good Samaritan if he only had good intentions; _____, too. (M. Thatcher)

The _____ (emotional attachment to/passion for) money is a huge issue (note 1 Timothy 6:9-10).

2. Emotions Are not O_____

- A. Accept the truth that just having more money (a _____ or a _____) is not the answer (note Ecclesiastes 5:10-11).
- B. Recognize becoming e_____ about money (or anything else) isn't a goal—we're created in the image of God and God has _____. God's emotions are _____; ours are impacted by _____ and broken/corrupted. Emotions are a part of every part of our life, including the financial part of life. But we need our emotions to not be distorted by our sinful nature...
- C. We need to be S_____ -f_____ financial managers (note Ephesians 5:18; Galatians 5:24-25).

Do Your Dollars Make Sense?:

- Money deeply impacts our emotions and our emotions deeply impact our _____ about money.
- We need to have the Holy Spirit control and influence and empower our lives and transform our thinking and emotions so we can have a healthier relationship with money.

We have resources available to help you have your dollars start making sense (books; Financial Peace University classes started at both campuses. Learn more and sign up today at www.myriversidechurch.com/fpu.)

Tell someone about the next step you took today in your spiritual journey. You can also use the Connect Card to let us know about your commitment, too!



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1. The Emotions of Money

3 most common emotions about money:

- Fear
- Shame
- Anger

There are all kinds of feelings that lead us into poor choices with money:

- Sad feelings...
- Being angry...
- Fear...
- Feeling guilty...
- On the other hand, thankfulness makes us more patient...

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The love (emotional attachment to/passion for) money is a huge issue (note 1 Timothy 6:9-10).

2. Emotions Are Not Omnipotent

- A. Accept the truth that just having more money (a little or a lot) is not the answer (note Ecclesiastes 5:10-11).
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