

## Discussion Guide



**Ice Breaker** What's the worst thing you've ever lost, and did you find it? Have you ever been pleasantly surprised by someone returning something you never thought you'd see again? Tell us that story!

1. Pastor Tom explains how wealth can hinder God's leadership in our lives. How have you seen this happen in your own life or those around you?
2. Read 2 Thessalonians 3:10 and Matthew 25:16. God tells us we must work and invest wisely to build wealth His way. How could these statements help change our attitude toward work? How does God's word show us ways we can invest wisely?
3. Read 1 Timothy 6:5-8 (NLT). How does the Bible challenge us here? What does contentment look like in your life? Where do you struggle with this?
4. Pastor Tom explained how money is supposed to be a tool to help us serve him and advance His kingdom. In what ways does this play out in your life? In the world?
5. Culturally "normal" in 2018 seems to promote living outside your means, accruing possessions, and acquiring debt. The Bible tells us to be "weird" and not store up earthly treasures. How do you respond to this? Do you find this difficult or easy? Why?
6. Read proverbs 13:7, 11. Over 30% of millionaires make less than \$90,000/year. Does this surprise you? In what ways could you begin to be deliberate in your spending? What are some roadblocks you might face? What could be the reward? How can your group support you taking steps toward living this way?

## Personal Guide

**Day 1:** Read Psalm 26

**Day 2:** Read Psalm 27

**Day 3:** Read Psalm 28

**Day 4:** Read Psalm 29

**Day 5:** Read Psalm 30

*do your*  
**DOLLARS**  
*make-sense?*



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

*"God's Purpose for Money"*  
December 2, 2018



**“God’s Purpose for Money”**  
**[Tom Lundeen, Senior Pastor]**

**MESSAGE NOTES**

Wealth is actually a \_\_\_\_\_!

So how can we make sure we’re on the right side of “\_\_\_\_\_” when it comes to God’s purpose for money?

**1. Why Wealth Can \_\_\_\_\_ God’s Leadership in Our Life and in the World**

...money itself is not good or evil. It’s \_\_\_\_\_. It’s how it’s used and our motives and \_\_\_\_\_ we give it...

*Note I Timothy 6:3-5*

...understand that from a global perspective, we are all \_\_\_\_\_.

*Note I Timothy 6:6-10*

Following Jesus and embracing God’s Kingdom is defined by \_\_\_\_\_ to Jesus’ authority and leadership in our lives (*note John 14:15*).

*Note I Samuel 2:7*

We’re called to serve God \_\_\_\_\_; our money is supposed to be a resource/ \_\_\_\_\_ to help us as we serve the Lord.

*Note I Timothy 6:17-19*

Wealth can actually \_\_\_\_\_ God’s Kingdom in our own life and in our world when it’s in its rightful place...

**2. \_\_\_\_\_ Wealth God’s Way (note Deuteronomy \_\_\_\_\_)**

God tells us there are 2 ways to build wealth:

- \_\_\_\_\_ (*note II Thessalonians 3:10*)
- I \_\_\_\_\_ (*note Matthew 25:16*)
  - A. Act \_\_\_\_\_ (*note Proverbs 13:7*) - over 30% of all millionaires in USA make less than \$\_\_\_\_\_ a year (and the average income of this group = \$\_\_\_\_\_. They ... \_\_\_\_\_ than they make.
  - B. Be deliberate (*note Proverbs 13:11*) - most get rich schemes only make money for the person \_\_\_\_\_ them. Great formula for wealth—Money + \_\_\_\_\_ + Consistency.
  - C. Don’t put all your eggs in one basket (*note Ecclesiastes \_\_\_\_\_*)
  - D. \_\_\_\_\_ in what you know (*note Proverbs 24:3-4*) - if it sounds too good to be true, if you can’t \_\_\_\_\_ it, and if you’re not sure what it really is, don’t put your money there.

**Do Your Dollars Make Sense?:**

- Wealth can either become a major hindrance to God’s Kingdom and mission and be d\_\_\_\_\_ to my spiritual journey, or...
- ...it can be a wonderful tool that can advance God’s Kingdom and mission and allow us to be a blessing in the \_\_\_\_\_ we’re committed to and in \_\_\_\_\_ lives.
- So what side of the coin of wealth are you operating in today?

We have resources available to help you have your dollars start making sense. Check out the bookshelves in the foyer.

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!



## “God’s Purpose for Money” [Tom Lundeen, Senior Pastor]

### MESSAGE NOTES

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So how can we make sure we’re on the right side of “the coin” when it comes to God’s purpose for money?

### 1. Why Wealth Can Hinder God’s Leadership in Our Life and in the World

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Note 1 Timothy 6:3-5

...understand that from a global perspective, we are all wealthy.

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### 2. Building Wealth God’s Way (note Deuteronomy 8:18)

God tells us there are 2 ways to build wealth:

- Work (note 2 Thessalonians 3:10)
- Investments (note Matthew 25:16)
  - A. Act poor (note Proverbs 13:7) – over 30% of all millionaires in USA make less than \$90,000.00 a year (and the average income of this group = \$76,000.00). They...spend less than they make.
  - B. Be deliberate (note Proverbs 13:11) – most get rich schemes only make money for the person promoting them. Great formula for wealth = Money + Time + Consistency.
  - C. Don’t put all your eggs in one basket (note Ecclesiastes 11:2)
  - D. Grow in what you know (note Proverbs 24:3-4) – if it sounds too good to be true, if you can’t explain it, and if you’re not sure what it really is, don’t put your money there.

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