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# BACK *TO THE* FUTURE

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

**"WHERE'D MY MONEY GO?"**

*PASTOR TOM LUNDEEN, SUNDAY, AUGUST 9, 2020*





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[Tom Lundeen, Senior Pastor]

### MESSAGE NOTES

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But faith in Jesus produces \_\_\_\_\_ (note Romans 12:2).

Note Romans 10:17

When the world is upside-down, God’s \_\_\_\_\_ can turn things right-side up.

\_\_\_\_\_ can be a teacher and can make us open our Bible and get on our knees.

What is God showing us about \_\_\_\_\_ in this season?

### **1. Money is Ultimately a Significant Spiritual \_\_\_\_\_**

There’s an \_\_\_\_\_ connection between faith and finances (note Luke 12:34).

What do your bank accounts tell you about your \_\_\_\_\_ about money?

Your heart, love, passion and priorities \_\_\_\_\_ your money.

So what do my attitude and \_\_\_\_\_ about money indicate about my spiritual life, health, and relationship with God?

## 2. Have a True \_\_\_\_\_ of My Financial Condition

Note Proverbs 27:23-27

Jesus followers are to be diligent about their finances because it is part of being \_\_\_\_\_ about our relationship with Jesus.

\_\_\_\_\_ shake loose all unknowledgeable spending and poor financial decisions so all that's left is what is legitimately there.

Have these challenging months helped you to have a more accurate picture of your financial condition, or is \_\_\_\_\_ about money keeping you in the dark about where you are really at?

## 3. We Need to Have One Way \_\_\_\_\_ with Our Money

When you don't have an accurate picture of your financial condition and don't \_\_\_\_\_, your money will talk and you won't like what it tells you (note Proverbs 21:5, 20; Luke 16:10).

Budgeting helps us to *act our* \_\_\_\_\_.

*Instead of back to the future:*

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- Start talking to your money \_\_\_\_\_ by the truth of God's Word, and God can start turning your financial circumstances right-side up instead of staying upside-down.

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# DISCUSSION GUIDE

**Icebreaker:** If you had a magical machine that would transport you into a movie, what movie/scene would you visit? Would you play the hero or the villain?

1. In the opening of his message, Pastor Tom stated that "Even before the pandemic, fear may be the most common emotion we have about money." What part does fear play in your finances both now and in the past?
2. Answer Pastor Tom's question to us. "What is God showing us about money in this season?"
3. Read [Luke 12:34](#). How do our finances demonstrate our "inescapable connection between faith and finances?"
4. What are the benefits of being diligent with our finances according to [Proverbs 27:23-27?](#)
5. Pastor Tom challenged us by asking, "Have these challenging months helped you to have a more accurate picture of your financial condition, or is ignorance about money keeping you in the dark about where you are really at?" How has this season impacted your understanding of your finances?
6. Read [Proverbs 21:5, 21:20](#) and [Luke 16:10](#). How does budgeting help us "act our wage"?
7. What next steps are you taking to turn or keep your finances right-side up during this time? How might your group affirm and support your decision? *(If your next step is to attend Financial Peace University this year, text RCFPU to 24587 to let us know.)*

## PERSONAL GUIDE

- Day 1: [Revelation 10](#)  
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 Day 4: [Revelation 13](#)  
 Day 5: [Revelation 14](#)





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