

God's At War 4 (god of money)
Matthew 16:26, Luke 12:13-21, Matthew 6:24, Proverbs 30:8-9
Discussion Guide, June 27, 2021

CHECK UP:

Memory Work Review: whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life." - John 4:14

- What is the most significant action step you have taken since the start of this series?

OPEN:

- What was money like in your family growing up?
- What does our culture tell us about how to approach money?
- What are some examples of wise financial advice that you have heard?
 - o Did anyone teach you to give it away?

WATCH THE VIDEO and ASK: god of money

- Most of our culture's wisdom about money seems to revolve around getting it, getting more of it, and keeping what we've already got.
 - o Does our culture have any way to talk about having ENOUGH money?
- What are you most hesitant to give up?
 - o What might it cost us if we gave up some of our money?
- Be honest (in other words, don't pull out "Sunday-school answers"- what do you think of first when you want to solve your dissatisfactions?
 - o In light of this, how do you respond to the passage in 2 King that Chuck mentioned? ("Even while these people were worshipping the Lord, they were serving their idols.")
- What has money or the pursuit of money cost you?

APPLY: Read Matthew 16:26 and 6:24.

- Do you have someone who knows your spending and working habits well enough to call you out when you let either or both become too central to your sense of who you are and what you're supposed to be?
 - o Do you have a trusted person who can talk to you like Chuck's wife spoke to him, especially since the rest of the world will be speaking to you the way Chuck's business friend did?
 - o How can you establish this kind of relationship where others can help you be on guard against the god of money?

- Respond to the two texts you just read.
- NEXT STEP(S): How do you need to reevaluate your life and set new goals in light of these passages from Matthew?

Memory Work:

What good will it be for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul? - Matthew 16:26