

What Does It Mean to Be Human?

Title: Jesus and Your Paycheck

Main Idea: We must adopt of the teachings of Jesus on money and adapt the teachings of Jesus on money.

Head Change: Everything I have is available to others.

Heart Change: Everything I have is a gift from God.

Life Change: Jesus' teachings on money are not only right, but they are the better way to live.

Over the past few weeks, we have been unpacking God's vision for your work. However, we need to address the danger to this vision of work because if you embrace the vision of God for work, odds are, you will make money. And when we make money, when we receive a paycheck, it's really easy to get sucked into this cycle: Work more, buy more, repeat. But the end result is a stressed out, anxiety laden, overly busy, greedy society. According to the American Psychological Association, money is the number 1 stressor in our country. So, how do we keep from getting sucked into the vortex of work more, buy more, repeat? Through simplicity and generosity.

Reflection Questions:

1. When Jordan referenced how Jesus points out the relationship between "treasure and worry", have you ever noticed this before? Do you agree that worry, anxiety, or stress is a litmus test of what you treasure or what you love the most? Why or why not?
2. Of the nine "Outward Expressions of Simplicity", which one resonates or challenges you the most? Why?
3. Of the four "Practical Guides to Generosity", which one resonates or challenges you the most? Why?
4. Do you agree that Jesus' teachings on money are not only right, but they are a better way to live? Can you describe a time when you experienced this "better way to live?"

Prayer:

Heavenly Father, your teachings are not always easy for us to embrace but I honor them as 'right'. I am asking for the grace necessary to apply them, specifically your teachings on simplicity and generosity. Thank you for your patience with me as I flesh them out through the help and power of your Holy Spirit. I ask that you help our Church to live with open hands so that we may be a part of seeing your Kingdom come on Earth as it is in Heaven. In Jesus' name, amen.