



Money Talk Pt.2 “Send Me Away”

Introduction:

Have you mastered your money or has your money mastered you? Money makes a great servant but a horrible master. Living a “Me-First” life allows our appetites to lead and in turn enslave us in the long-term. God’s way of living teaches an “others-first” mindset and brings peace as a result. Money is simply an indicator of the health of our hearts as it shows what we value. Maintaining control of our desires, instead of our desires controlling us, displays self-control. God nudges us toward having self-control because of how devastating our appetites can be. Using money as a means to accomplish what is truly meaningful starts with putting ourselves last and others first.

Getting Started:

What would you do if you received an anonymous check for \$10K this month?

Discussing:

- **READ:** Galatians 5:16-17
- God uses Paul to write a letter to the Christians living in the region of Galatia. In this letter Paul gives a number of instructions on how to find freedom by following Christ. The phrase: “Walk by the Spirit” is another way of saying: “Following the nudges God gives us through our conscious.”
- When it comes to how we handle money, how does it look different when someone is “walking by the Spirit” or living according to fleshly (natural) desires?
- **Vs. 17:** “Acts of the Flesh” is essentially doing “whatever you want.” What are the consequences of doing “whatever we want” with our money?
- **READ:** Galatians 5:22-23.
- What do the Fruit of the Spirit have in common? (*Leader Note: Many answers can be given*)
- Explain “Self-Control.”
- **READ:** Matthew 6:24
- On a scale of 1-10 (“1” being totally mastered by money; “10” mastered your money) How would you rate yourself?
- Explain these charts and what would happen as a result if you followed each one.

Mastered by Money	Mastering Money
1. Live	1. Give
2. Save	2. Save
3. Give	3. Live
- What would happen, hypothetically speaking, if you had complete self-control? What would change with how you handled your money?
- What “appetite” has gotten out of control in your life? What needs to change this week in order to take back control?

Something More:

Last week the challenge was given to give away a certain amount of pre-determined money to bless someone. Did you do it? How did it go?

This week, go through your expenditures and categorize them. The first step to consistent giving is getting control of our money and seeing where to go. You may be surprised.