

TGBL – Part 9

Extended Verse Study:

This Week's Memory Verse Focus

**“Wherever your treasure is,
there the desires of your heart will also be.”
Matthew 6:21**

2017 Motto:

It's always 3:30 (John 3:30)

Ask yourself and apply to your daily prayer:

How can I apply the theme to my daily living and connect that understanding in my active part of the local Body of Christ where I am committed at HCC

Current Sermon Title:

The Good and Beautiful Life – Part 9

Ask yourself how can participating in the soul habit practice of reforming the center of your life to Christ by making a Spiritual Formation Plan to be led by the love of God

1: Read Matthew 6:19-24

2: Read Deuteronomy 14:23

3: Read Matthew 6:33

4: Read 2nd Corinthians 9

5: Read John 3:30

6: Read Romans 14:17

FOR THE GROUP: Working it out together

1. Have you ever considered yourself greedy? If not, who or what comes to mind when you think of greed?
2. Pastor Steve said, “Greed is the powerful desire for money or material possessions. “Can you think of a time where you constantly yearned for something? Explain.
3. What can happen to one who is controlled by the craving to fulfill his or her self-imagine by consumer products? Read Matthew 6:19-24.
4. Pastor Steve said, “It’s not the possession of material things that is the problem, it is the position of material things.” Thinking of your priority list, are there earthly things positioned higher than your life as a citizen in the kingdom of Heaven?
5. How can financial obedience according to Deuteronomy 14:22-23 inspire one’s generosity and fight one’s greed?
6. Pastor Steve said, “Money, wealth and material possessions is not the real issue...our hearts are.” If you did a realistic count of your heart’s love list, is it a treasure of kingdom of God or kingdom of the world? Read Matthew 6:22-33

FOR THE INDIVIDUAL: Take Away

After accepting Jesus, there’s a Good and Beautiful Life to follow. We must subtract what takes us away from God and add what brings us closer to God.

- *Subtract Greed Add Generosity*
- *Putting God first- (Matthew 6:33) being faithfully obedient in our finances opens our generosity inspired by God and frees us from consumer greed which allows us to live the Good and Beautiful Life according to God.*
- *Blind to the Good and Beautiful Life is to have greed or the controlling desire for the things of the world*
- *Clear-eyed to the Good and Beautiful Life is to be free of consumer greed and live with the chief goal of pursuing living one’s life as a citizen in the Kingdom of God.*