



MBC Small Group Weekly

What Do You Love More Than God?

When Jesus told the rich young ruler to, "Go, sell your belongings and give it to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven..." he confronted him with the one thing in his life that was competing for a relationship with God—his wealth! The text continues, "...but, when the young man heard that command, he went away grieving, because he had many possessions" Mark 10:17-27. Let's be clear—Jesus didn't tell everyone to sell all their possessions and give it to the poor. Only to those, who made their possessions an idol, does He tell to get rid of it! And, it's not just about HAVING riches! The Apostle Paul says, "...those who WANT to BE RICH fall into temptations, a trap, and many foolish and harmful desires, which plunge people into ruin and destruction" 1 Timothy 6:9. It's not having riches, necessarily, that are the temptation and trap. It's the WANTING to BE RICH! I've known people who were dirt poor and fell into this trap! It was the "lust" they had to BE RICH that ruled their life! It was the idol they bowed down to—WANTING to BE RICH! Those who love money,

whether they have it or not, are easily deceived by it! Paul continued his warning to Timothy, "...the love of money is the root of all kinds of evil, and by craving it, some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains" 1 Timothy 6:10. In other words, it's that covetous love for money that can give rise to all kinds of other deadly sins. When the "love of money" is your life's ambition, you'll sell out everything to get it—even your relationship with God! You'll do whatever it takes to gain more money; and, to gain more stuff! But, you'll never be content! Paul told Timothy that it was "...godliness with contentment that is great gain"; and, "...if we have food and clothing we should be content with these" 1 Timothy 6:6,8. Our greatest "return on investment" comes from a life that finds contentment in God alone! If we have God! If we know Him! If He is our treasure, than food and clothing is all we really need in this life! Paul tells Timothy that it's possible to be content with those simple necessities of life because we have all that we really need in God! Do you believe that? Do you live that way? Are you content?

Free From The Love For Money

God inspired the writer of Hebrews to record these words: "Keep your life free from the love of money. Be content with what you have. For He has said, 'I will never fail you nor forsake you.' Hence we can confidently say, 'The Lord is my helper, I will not be afraid; what can man do to me?'" Hebrews 13:5,6. We can be FREE from the love of money! We can be content with what we have because God will never forsake us! He'll never fail me! The stock market will fail me; but, God never will! So, how do you spend your money? Jesus said, "...where your heart is, there your treasure will be..." If you treasure stuff, that's where your heart will follow! If you treasure God's work, that's where your heart will follow!

"Greeting Team"

For Sunday, April 29

Remember: Meet in the coat room @ **10:30 am** for brief prayer & then go "welcome" people! NOTE: Keep an eye on the auditorium for those who slipped past!

Greeters this week:

5th SUNDAY! EVERYONE Is A "GREETER"!

- 1st—Sara Embke Monday Night; Brian Hagler Sunday Night
- 2nd— Wayne Campbell Sunday am; Jen Hagler Thursday Night
- 3rd—Randy Ehlers Sunday Night; Wayne Campbell Wednesday Night
- 4th—Curt Mastbergen Sunday Night; PT Thursday Morning

Small Groups @ MBC

Are Led By Biblically Qualified Leaders Who Receive Ongoing Support, Oversight, And Curriculum Approval From Our Elder Team
-Guide To: Small Group Ministry @ MBC

Announcements

Please EMPHASIZE These In Your Groups This Week!

1. The "RightNow Conference"—Is May 17-18 and it's FREE! Only travel expenses! You going?
2. Have A RightNow Media Account? This video Bible study library is FREE! See Pastor Terry!