



Sermon Discussion Questions – March 1, 2020

Main Points

- A paradigm is a mental model for how the world works.
- A paradigm shift is a fundamental change in one's approach or underlying assumptions about the world.
- A common paradigm people have: "I should take care of my money."
- We need to make the paradigm shift to "God owns everything and I'm his money manager."

Opening

- How would you define what a paradigm shift is in your own language?
- Have you ever experienced a paradigm shift in your life? What was that like?

Discussion

- Eric said, "God's law isn't a condition of acceptance, it is wisdom to the accepted." What does he mean? How could that be a paradigm shift for you or someone else?
- Where do we get the idea that we need to take care of our money? What could be fundamentally wrong with that concept?
- [Read Deuteronomy 8:7-18.](#)
- According to this passage, is worship a condition for blessing or a response to blessing? Does that align with how you typically think about worship?
- What does this passage warn us about? Why is it dangerous?
- How can the belief that we must take care of our money be similarly dangerous?
- How has God blessed you financially, relationally, spiritually? What would it look like for you to treat those blessings as God's manager, rather than someone who's "heart is proud"?

Closing

- Why do you think it's so easy to forget God when things are good? What can you do to try to remember him in the good times as well as the bad?