

What You Want “Do you want to Live Cheerfully or Fearfully?”- Jim Burgen

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Bible References: *John 17:3, Acts 2:44-45, Acts 4:32, Matthew 6:21, Matthew 6:24, Matthew 6:31-33 and 2 Corinthians 9:6-8*

Community:

1. What is the best investment you have ever made and why was it so good?
2. If you were to win the *Powerball Lottery*, what's the first thing you would buy and why?

Core:

1. **Read Acts 2:42-47.** What are the characteristics (you can see and read) that were present in the life of the early church? What can we learn about how we're supposed to function—as members of the church—from their example?
2. **Read Matthew 6:21 and Matthew 6:24.** Why do you think money is the greatest competition for God's spot in our lives? If you took an honest look at your finances, what would you say your heart values the most?
3. **Read Matthew 6:25-34.** How do these verses speak to your current season of life? What are you worrying about the most often and what stands in the way of you truly trusting God with this?
4. What do you think it means to *seek God's Kingdom first* in your life? Is this true for your finances? Does fear influence how you handle your finances?
5. **Read 2 Corinthians 9:6-8.** What is God's promise to us in this passage and how can you apply this to your financial life? What steps (if any) are you currently taking or have you taken to *sow your money into God's Kingdom*?
6. Jim said, “*The way to have confidence that God will supply all that you need in the future is connected to your choice to trust God and obey Him now.*” What do you think this obedience looks like for you, here and now? What is one practical step you can take towards that obedience?

Challenge:

As Jim challenged us, write the answers to these three things in terms of your finances:

(1) I make: _____ **(2) I give:** _____ **(3) I am going to:** _____

Spend some time praying this week about asking God to lead you to steward your finances. Also, don't forget to pay for somebodies tab the next time you find yourself at a drive-thru!

