

Can People Really Change? “Financial”- Jim Burgen

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Community:

1. What was the first job you had? Did you like or not?
2. If you won the lottery what would you do with the money, and why?

Core:

1. Does your financial life have you feeling locked up? If so, how is that affecting you? What is your current financial **strategy** and where has it led (or leading) you?
2. **Read Galatians 5:1.** When you think about your **intent** and **vision** for your financial life, what do you think God wants for you? Do you want to experience “*financial freedom*”? If you had that freedom what would life look like and how would your spending change?
3. **Read Matthew 13:1-9** and **Matthew 13:18-23.** What do you think Jesus was getting at in this parable? What are the things that choke out what God wants for life? Is money one of those things?
4. **Read Matthew 6:19-24.** Is money competing for God’s position in your life? Why do you think it is impossible to serve both *God* and *money*? How does our attitude toward money (“treasure”) reveal where our hearts are?
5. Does the way you are handling your finances line up with what God says is right, true, and best? What do you think needs to change to align your financial life with what God says?
6. **Read Malachi 3:10.** What do you think *God’s blessing* would look like if you “tithed” or gave to Him, and His causes? Are you currently tithing or giving to God? If not, what’s one small step you could take to rearrange and leverage your finances to take part in what God’s doing in the world?

Challenge:

This week, write down the current state of your financial life and where you want to see change. Then, write down: (1) Where you need to experience the **Grace** that forgives you and sets you free from where you’ve fallen short in managing your finances. (2) Where you need to experience the **Grace** that spiritually empowers you to do something about your financial life. (3) Your **vision** for what your life could look like if you aligned your finances with what God says is right and true. (4) Your **intent** towards making that change (5) Your **strategy** for doing something new and different in order to see the change that you desire in your financial life.