

Sermon-Based Discussion Guide for Home Groups Westwood Baptist Church, Alabaster, Alabama Jay Gordon, Pastor of Small Groups Trey Murphy, Home Groups Director WestwoodGroups.com

If Money Could Talk: I Have Limitations December 5, 2010

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Scripture

Proverbs 21:6

⁶ A fortune made by a lying tongue is a fleeting vapor and a deadly snare.

Proverbs 15:6

The house of the righteous contains great treasure, but the income of the wicked brings ruin.

Ecclesiastes 5:12

The sleep of a laborer is sweet, whether they eat little or much, but as for the rich, their abundance permits them no sleep.

Proverbs 27:7

One who is full loathes honey from the comb, but to the hungry even what is bitter tastes sweet.

Proverbs 30:8-9

- ⁸ Keep falsehood and lies far from me; give me neither poverty nor riches, but give me only my daily bread.
- ⁹ Otherwise, I may have too much and disown you and say, 'Who is the LORD?'

Or I may become poor and steal, and so dishonor the name of my God.

Engage

Can bad things come from having wealth or possessions? What negative things have you seen in your life or in the life of others?

Discuss

- 1. Distribute the verses both above and below. Have people read the verse assigned to them. After completing the reading ask this question: What truths do we learn from these passages?
- 2. You might have come across this answer in the *Engage* section above, but what sinful behaviors are more likely exhibited by those who have too much money?
- 3. What are your thoughts about your lifestyle at retirement? What do you want to be able to do? Do we have real security if we are on track for retirement?
- 4. In what ways do our possessions give us increased anxiety? How can we best deal with that?
- 5. In what ways do having an abundance cause us to be less grateful? How is this a problem in the life of a believer?
- 6. What are the positive things that can come from an abundance? Do you think God chooses some to have an abundance and some people not to have an abundance?
- 7. Read 1 Timothy 6:6. What do we learn about finances from this passage?
- 8. Are you guilty of thinking money brings happiness? Where do we get this thought? How can it hurt us?
- 9. Do we need to have a lot in order to glorify God with our possessions? Explain your answer.

Your Next Step

Evaluate where you are financially. The important question is not what we have or don't have, but where does God want us to be? How can we glorify Him with what we have, whether it be little or much?

Other Passages Cited

Proverbs 1:10 Proverbs 16:19 Proverbs 28:6 Eccl. 5:19 Eccl. 5:10