

“The Generational Sin of *the Love of Money*” (Part 2)

1 Timothy 6:17-19; Luke 12:13-34

“He is no fool *who gives* what he cannot keep *to gain* what he cannot lose.” (Jim Elliot)

“The Pharisees, who were *lovers of money*, heard all these things, and *they ridiculed Him*. And He said to them, ‘You are those who justify yourselves before men, but *God knows your hearts*. For what is exalted among men is *an abomination* in the sight of God.’ ” (Luke 16:14-15)

“Sell your possessions, and give to the needy. **Provide yourselves** with moneybags that do not grow old, **with a treasure in the heavens** that does not fail, where no thief approaches and no moth destroys.” (Luke 12:33)

“**Do not** lay up for yourselves treasures on earth....but **lay up for yourselves** treasures in heaven....”
(Matthew 6:19-20)

“They are to do good, **to be rich in good works**, to be generous, and ready to share, thus **storing up treasure for themselves....**” (1 Timothy 6:18-19a)

- Observations from Luke 12:15-34:
 - **Covetousness** is to be protected against because the love of money destroys people spiritually.
 - **True life** does not consist of your possessions, but instead being rich towards God.
 - God does not give us our resources primarily for our comfort in this life (relax, eat, drink, be merry). He gives us resources to be used in a way that will make us rich towards God (“**build larger barns**” in eternity).
 - We are free to **give our lives fully** to eternal “barn building”. We can seek His kingdom because we know He will provide what the world works for.
 - We do not have to worry about **giving to God** or **losing things for God**. It is a possibility to lose our resources for the gospel and to give our resources for the gospel (Hebrews 10:33-34 — Public mockery, prison, plundering of property).
 - The love of money is a faith issue....“O you of little faith”.
 - Is what we pursue and what we are anxious about the same things the world pursues and is anxious about?
 - **Our hearts** are shown by our attitudes about giving greatly and being willing to suffer greatly for the gospel.
 - God will always give us what we need to serve Him.
- Observations from 1 Timothy 6:17-19:
 - The more you have the less you want to engage with the suffering around you; spiritually and physically. You want to “**fence yourself in**”.
 - In Christ, possessions are to be **primarily used for eternity**, not temporal things.
 - Possessions are **most enjoyed** when they are used for eternal gain.
 - Do good, be rich in good works, be generous, be ready to share.
 - Show the world what **true life is**, namely, living for eternity.

Worship: I Stand Amazed — Norton Hall Band

Crown Him With Many Crowns — Norton Hall Band

Christ the Sure and Steady Anchor — Matt Boswell

Closing Song: All Glory Be to Christ — Kings Kaleidoscope

Service Times: Sundays: Prayer 9:45a/Church 10:30a; Tuesdays: (In-Home) Bible Study: Women 6:30p/Men 6:30p & 7p; Thursdays: Prayer 6:20p/Church 7p

Announcements:

★**DONATIONS:** Throughout the month of April, we are collecting monetary donations for HeartCry Missionary Society. The goal of their ministry is to facilitate the advancement of indigenous missionaries throughout the world. Their strategy consists of four primary components: financial support, theological training, Scripture and literature distribution, and the supply of any tool necessary to facilitate the completion of the Great Commission. There is a container on the back table for monetary donations, or you can give on Venmo and make a note that it is for HeartCry. **TODAY is the last day we will be collecting monetary donations for HeartCry.**

★**FELLOWSHIP LUNCH:** We are having a Fellowship Lunch NEXT Sunday, May 5th, immediately following the worship service. There is a sign-up list on the table in the entryway, please sign-up to bring something for the meal. EVERYONE is invited to stay to enjoy the food and the fellowship with us!

★**NEW MEMBERS CLASS:** If you are interested in becoming a church member, we will be offering a two week New Members Class on Sunday, May 19th, and Sunday, May 26th, from 9-10am in the Fellowship Hall. There is a sign-up list on the table in the entryway, please sign-up if you are interested in taking the New Members Class. If you have any questions, please see Elder Zach.

★**COMMUNION:** We will be celebrating and partaking of Communion together as a church body NEXT Sunday, May 5th.

★**LEGACY PRACTICUM:** Starting NEXT Monday, May 6th, we will begin a new course in the Practicum "New Testament Synthesis", which is an in depth Survey of the 27 Books of the New Testament. If anyone is interested in taking this course as an Audit please let Elder Richard know so we can prepare a Syllabus for you.

★**LADIES NIGHT IN:** Ladies, we are having a "*Ladies Night In*" on Friday, May 17th, starting at 6pm, at Andy's house (1062 National Drive SE; Hebron). The plan is to kick Andy out of his house for the night and for the ladies to hangout, watch a movie, enjoy pizza for dinner, and for those who are able to, stay the night together. We will have bagels and yogurt for breakfast the next morning. The plan is to be wrapped up, cleaned up, and out the door by 10am on Saturday, May 18th. We would love for everyone to join us for this "*Ladies Night In*", whether you are only able to stay for an hour, for a few hours, or for the whole night! There is a sign-up list on the table in the entryway, please sign-up to help provide the food for this event!