



Lifestyles of the Responsible and Faithful.

WARM UP

If you were to win one-million dollars, what would you spend it on and why?

SET IT UP

For many of us, money problems are a significant source of stress. Despite the fact that Americans enjoy a higher standard of living than almost every other nation, we always seem to want just a little more. We pursue enjoyment, comfort, and wealth to the point of becoming anxious, spiritually complacent, and financially strained. So, how can we break away from this need to have “more?” Let’s talk about it.

CHAT IT UP

1. What are some chores you had growing up? In what ways were you compensated for completing tasks?
2. **Answer the following—What is it to be rich?** In your opinion, how much money does someone have to make to be considered wealthy?
3. Our world sells us the lie that “one-upping” our neighbor will make us happy. The Apostle Paul prescribes a different pursuit. **Read 1 Timothy 6:17.**
4. How does this passage challenge your assumptions about wealth?
5. **What routines, habits, or behaviors do you currently have in place that are creating financial tension for you and/or your family?** (*Hint: Consistent discontentment, habitual overspending, frequent borrowing, comparing, etc.*).
6. How different might your life and legacy look if you were to reverse these harmful financial habits?
7. **How can you take a bite of your financial elephant? What is your next step in this area?** (*Hint: maybe try starting out with consistent management: begin tracking your spending; sit down to create a budget; prioritize regular giving; remove temptations that cause financial discontentment*).

WRAP IT UP

What if we had financial margin? What if we could be generous because we have extra? This kind of living doesn’t have to be a dream. We can eat the elephant of financial security, one bite at a time. For more tools and resources on how to change your financial future check out <http://parkerhill.org/manage-gods-money/>.

LEADER TIPS

- This week we are tackling a sensitive subject. Remember your goal is to facilitate conversation that will lead to next steps. Handle your conversations with grace and truth. Don't push anyone to share beyond their comfort limit on this subject.