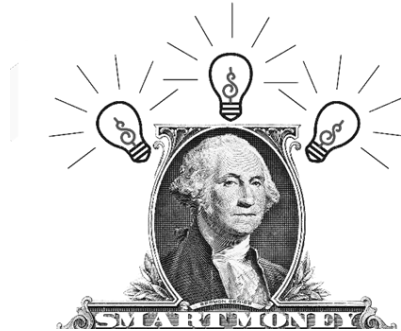




Asbury Church

OCTOBER 20, 2019
SERMON NOTES
“FLIP THE SCRIPT”
MATTHEW 6:22-24



I. Introduction

- A. Money can add meaning to your life, but it's not the _____ of life.
- B. Your self-control determines who is in _____ of your money.

II. Who do you serve?

- A. The Holy Spirit is going to _____ you towards self-control in all things.
- B. Jesus said you cannot serve God and _____.
- C. If you want to get control of your life, especially in the area of finances, you need to seek first the kingdom of _____.
- D. Your Heavenly Father has invited you into the "Others _____ Kingdom."

III. Flip the Script

- A. Jesus said we have to flip the script on our _____.
 - 1) The typical script – Live, Save, Give.
 - 2) The seek ye first script – Give, Save, Live.
- B. The litmus test of our _____ to God is our willingness to put Him or others first in the area of our money and possession.

Things I would like to remember about this message:

Asbury Daily Study Guide

INTRODUCTION

Are you mastering your money or being mastered by it? Maybe it's time to flip the script. Instead of striving to have enough money to satisfy a me-first appetite, Jesus encouraged his listeners to have an others-first approach.

Monday: Galatians 5:22–23

How can our money be used to demonstrate the fruit of the spirit? What do the acts of the Spirit listed have in common?

Tuesday: Matthew 6:22-24

As a way to consider the principle Matthew introduces in v.24, look at the list below. If a “1” is being mastered by your money and a “10” is mastering your money, how would you rate yourself? Why?

- 1) Mastered by your money – Live, Save, Give.
 - 2) Mastering your money – Give, Save, Live.
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Wednesday: Galatians 5:16-17

In his letter to the Christians in the region of Galatia, Paul gives a number of instructions on how to find freedom in life by following Christ. A key one is to “walk by the Spirit,” where we are nudged by God through our consciences. When it comes to money, how is what the flesh desires in contrast to what walking by the Spirit looks like? At the end of verse 17, Paul likens “acts of the flesh” to doing “whatever you want.” What are some consequences of doing “whatever we want” with our money?

Thursday: Matthew 6:25-33

Give some words that describe what you want your relationship with God to look like. How can putting God and others first in the area of your money help you take a step toward that kind of relationship?

Friday: Ecclesiastes 5:8-15, 18-20

The writer of Ecclesiastes had watched human life closely and carefully. In verse 10, he noted the painful irony that “the money lover isn't satisfied with money.” Verse 15 stated more poetically the same truth as the English phrase “you can't take it with you.” Perhaps most important, he found that true joy and satisfaction in life come as God's gift to us (verses 19-20). What lessons about love of money and wealth have you learned in life?

MOVING FORWARD

Just like an appetite that will not be permanently satisfied, having a me-first mentality about money will always be a temptation. When we have an others-first approach with our money, we practice self-control and self-denial. When we do that, we will be living in sync with our heavenly Father, who wants us to not be mastered by our money. So, do you have money, or does money have you?

Answers to the sermon notes:

- IA) meaning, B) control.
- IIA) nudge B) wealth, C) God, D) first.
- IIIA) finances, B) devotion.