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Setting Apart Our Hearts through Our Giving

WEEK 2

WARM-UP

- Have you or your family members ever tried investing in stocks, properties, or other types of investments? How did it turn out?
- Have you ever lost a great sum of money or resources? Tell us what happened.
- If someone robbed your possessions or money today, how do you think you would respond? What is the first thing you would do?

WORD *¹⁹“Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, ²⁰but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. ²¹For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”* **MATTHEW 6:19-21**

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DEUTERONOMY 14:22-23

It is easy to put our security in the things of this world. But anything we cling to on this earth will inevitably fade away, pass, or cease to exist. Whether we have been blessed with much or with little, everything we think we own is not ours to keep. Instead of amassing wealth for ourselves, we are called to invest in things that will outlast this life. We are to direct our hearts to God and His kingdom. Today, through our giving, we will look at how we can fully set our hearts apart for God.

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We are to set apart our finances to invest in the kingdom of God.

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MATTHEW 6:19-20

Our finances and resources are tools that we can use to further God's kingdom. They are not solely for accumulating, but for distributing in ways that will honor God. They can be used, for example, to bless others, connect people in church, and send missionaries. Investing to help others find and follow Jesus bears fruit and yields the highest return possible. Because of its eternal impact, giving to God's kingdom is the most rewarding investment we can ever make. What do you think would happen if we all began to choose God's kingdom over this world and our own comforts?

2 | Setting apart our finances for God's kingdom causes our hearts to be devoted to God and His kingdom.

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Something happens in our hearts when we give. When we set apart our finances for God and His kingdom, we learn to fear and love God—the source of everything we have. Our hearts and minds are directed to Him, resulting in a deep sense of devotion, reverence, and respect for Him. Giving is a spiritual discipline that draws us closer to God and helps us trust Him more. How has investing in God's kingdom trained your heart to always remember God and focus on what's truly valuable?

APPLICATION

- Pause and give some thought to where you put your security in life. What can you do to set your sights on God every day?
- How has God's word revealed truths about where your heart is? Ask God to show you the areas that are not pleasing to Him.
- How can you help advance God's kingdom in your community this week? Seek opportunities to be a blessing to someone.

