

OUTLINE & DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

YOUR MONEY

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1 CORINTHIANS 16:1-3

Introduction

1. A _____ Impulse

- Our _____
- Christ's _____
- God's _____
- Others' _____

2. A Disciplined _____

Step 1: A _____

Step 2: A _____

Step 3: A _____

Step 4: A _____

3. An Anticipated _____

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

FOR FAMILY, FRIENDS & GROUPS

Icebreaker: Do you like to play table games? Explain. If yes, what game is your favorite? What was the point of the sermon's opening illustration about the game, Fill or Bust?

1. Describe how money was handled in your home growing up.
2. Read 1 Corinthians 16:1. Describe the project that Paul was urging the Corinthians to support. Why is generosity counter-intuitive to increasing margin in our finances?
3. List the 4 reasons (from the sermon) that generosity should be a natural impulse for Christ followers. Read the following verse and match each of them to one of the 4 reasons for generosity: a) Matthew 25:14-21; b) II Corinthians 8:9; c) 1 John 3:17; d) Romans 8:32. Which two of these reasons do you find most compelling? Why?
4. Why will generosity result in an increased money-margin? (Did you identify both of the two major reasons? Hint: see 2 Corinthians 9:6 and 2 Corinthians 8:10, 11.)
5. Read 1 Corinthians 16:2 and note the details of the money management plan that Paul lays out. Describe (in as much detail as possible) the 4-step money management plan that's outlined in, Simple Money, Rich Life (per the sermon).
6. Do you know how much money you spend each month (average) on: groceries; travel; entertainment; clothes; eating out; kids' activities? Why is it important to know these amounts (even if you're not in debt)?
7. In what areas is your spending most in need of an adjustment? Explain what that adjustment might look like.
8. Is your saving automated? How does (or would) that help you to save (multiple answers)? What about your giving--how would automation increase your generosity (multiple answers)?
9. If you're married, have you and your spouse worked together on a financial plan for giving, saving and spending? If yes, how's it going? If no, how's it going?
10. Read 1 Corinthians 16:3 and 2 Corinthians 9:6-15 and make a list of all the rewards that Paul promised the Corinthians would result from a life of generosity and well-managed money.
11. What's your next step(s)?