

# Whose Money Is It Anyway?

## WEEK2 – CHAPTER 2 – *Spiritual Amnesia*

### REVIEW

Key Biblical Truth # 1: **God owns everything** – (Psalm 24:1–2, Colossians 1:16)

Key Biblical Truth # 2: **Accept what you have** – (Hebrews 13:5, 1 Timothy 6:7–8)

Key Biblical Truth # 3: **Seek first His Kingdom, and submit your requests to Him** – (Matthew 6:33, Proverbs 19:21)

### NEW DISCUSSION

*“...an all-consuming concern for money is what drives most people in the world.”*

*John MacArthur*



Ephesians 6:5–8 (ESV)

<sup>5</sup> Bondservants, obey your earthly masters with fear and trembling, with a sincere heart, as you would Christ, <sup>6</sup> not by the way of eye-service, as people-pleasers, but as bondservants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart, <sup>7</sup> rendering service with a good will as to the Lord and not to man, <sup>8</sup> knowing that whatever good anyone does, this he will receive back from the Lord, whether he is a bondservant or is free.

Colossians 3:22–24 (ESV)

<sup>22</sup> Bondservants, obey in everything those who are your earthly masters, not by way of eye-service, as people-pleasers, but with sincerity of heart, fearing the Lord. <sup>23</sup> Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, <sup>24</sup> knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ.

What would happen if the Ephesians 6 & Colossians 3 world-view permeated our labor, our thoughts about success and our attitude concerning our compensation?

- 1) It is clear from the Bible that our view of money will be reflected in our work ethic (read page 17, second full paragraph).

Many Christians have tried to maintain a healthy spiritual life while maintaining a powerful attachment to money and things.

- 2) It is clear from the Bible that our view of money will be reflected in our devotion to God (read page 18 first full paragraph).

## Guidelines about money

- Luke 3:11-14 Man with 2 tunics
- Luke 19:1-10 Zacchaeus' conversion
- Matthew 19/Mark 10/Luke 18 Rich young ruler

(Read page 21 second full paragraph)

## **Quotes:**

- Rockefeller (page 21)
- Vanderbilt (page 21)
- Henry Ford (page 22)

## Temporal –vs- Eternal

This very night... (read page 22 third full paragraph).

The rich man is foolish and the poor widow is wise (read page 2).

*“How you handle money is a litmus test.... (read page 23).”*

Matthew 6:19-21 = treasure in heaven (page 24).

## How to diagnose “money love”--

1. Bent on making money anyway possible
2. Never seems to have enough
3. Flaunts what he does have
4. Hates to give
5. Willing to sin to get or keep wealth

## Results of “money love” –

1. Trust in wealth –vs- trust in God (Job 31:24-28)
2. Deception (false sense of security) Luke 8:14 (read page 26). Blessings do not equal approval.
3. Leads to building on unstable foundation (Proverbs 23:3-5)
- 4. Leads to pride. (Det. 8:11-14) SPIRITUAL AMNESIA!**
5. Causes one to steal from God. (Mal. 3:8)
6. Causes one to steal from others. (1 John 2:17)

## What's the cure?

Psalm 103