

HOME

Small Group Notes
A Series About Family: #1 "My Way or a Higher Way?"
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As we begin this new series about life at home, we take a look at the topic of finances as we focus on how we can live better and indeed more godly lives with our personal resources. Sunday's message focussed a lot on generosity. It's no mystery that without investment of dollars alongside our time and talent, we can't be anywhere near as effective in the cause of the gospel. This week I'd like us to take a look at what the Bible says about Generosity and study how that applies to investing our resources to not only improve our home life but have a positive impact on those around to us.

1. Discuss with the group some important or fundamental things our money provides us.
2. *READ: Ecclesiastes 5:18-20*
What message do you get from these verses?
3. *READ Luke 12:13-21*
 - a. What do these verses say to you about material things?
 - b. Do you feel that you're being generous enough with your treasure? Why or why not?
 - c. If you answered no to the previous question, do you feel there is a way for you to be more generous? How could you find a way?
4. Discuss the following quote: **"PROPER PRIOR PLANNING PREVENTS POOR PERFORMANCE- PERIOD!"**
5. *READ Proverbs 21:5 & Proverbs 15:22*
What do these verses say about the importance of planning?

6. *READ 1 Timothy 6:6-11, 17-19*

- a. These verses talk about unnecessary stress that the focus on treasure can create. Are you content with where you are and what you have?
- b. What do you think Paul means when he says "take hold of the life that is truly life?" in verse 19?

Would you to pray together and begin to seek God both individually and as a small group? Pray about wisdom in dealing with your treasures and ask God where He wants you to invest by faith. Ask God about where your small group could serve together and demonstrate generosity. Please PLAN and DISCUSS this idea of where to serve and see what that could lead to!

Blessings on you this week as you study, pray and serve Him!

Mark your calendars:

Sunday February 5th:

Celebration Service (of our first year at St. Raphael)
with Guest Speaker Gerry Lougheed Jr.

Lantern Lighting early evening – to commemorate the Lord's leading
In our church community

Superbowl Party following – bring your own snacks and enjoy some
Football in the courtyard or auditorium with good company