



In this week's Absurd Generosity study, we look at an interaction Jesus has with a rich man in Luke 18. Jesus invites the man to follow Him, but he makes a poor choice and chooses to walk away. This man is one of the few people to leave the presence of Jesus deeply disappointed. In this parable, Jesus instructs us to think more about our Heavenly investments than our earthly investments. Of His thirty-eight parables, about half of them deal with money and possessions. In the Gospels, one in every ten verses deals with money. Why so much talk about money? Because our attitude toward money reveals a lot about us.

1. Neal shared a personal story about taking \$20 from the offering plate as a child. When you heard this story what thoughts or emotions did it evoke? Have you ever been in a place where you had to steal in order to eat?
2. We talked about three areas that people in general are confused about money: 1) money provides security, 2) when I have _____ it will be enough, and 3) God/church just wants my money. Which of these areas do you struggle with the most and why?
3. **Read Luke 18:18-21.** This man comes to Jesus and asks about inheriting eternal life. **Read Ephesians 2:8-10, John 1:12-13, 3:3, and Romans 8:14-17.** What do these passages teach us about eternal life and becoming children of God?
4. **Read Luke 18:22-25.** Jesus invites this rich young man to give everything away in order to find eternal life. **Read 2 Corinthians 9:6-8 and Malachi 3:10.** What do these passages teach us about how we should use our finances?
5. The way Jesus teaches us to view money is different than how the world teaches to view money. Jesus' way is to receive, tithe, save, spend/pay, and give. **Read Proverbs 11:25, 30:8-9, and Mark 12:13-17.** The Bible teaches us to be generous and to not love money. How will these passages change the way you live?
6. **Read Matthew 6:19-21.** Jesus taught us to invest our financial resources in the kingdom of God. The result of that lifestyle is that we become humble, generous, secure, relaxed, and fulfilled. How does your relationship with money leave you feeling?
7. Jesus ends the passage with a focus on living for the kingdom of God. **Read Luke 18:26-30, Hebrews 10:24-25, Acts 2:42-47, and Colossians 2:2-3.** How does your relationship with Jesus impact your relationship with those closest to you?
8. Close your time in prayer.