



The Notes

Unpacking Part 6: “Gold Plated Life Jacket”

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“I have three kids and no money. Why can't I have no kids and three money?!”
-Homer Simpson

TO GET RID OF THE HABITS THAT SINK MY FINANCIAL FUTURE, I HAVE TO...

1. ...STOP USING MY _____ TO MAKE A _____ OF _____.

“Then he said to them, ‘Watch out! Be on your guard against wanting to have more and more things. Life is not made up of how much a person has.’”

Luke 12:15 (NIRV)

“But those who chase riches are constantly falling into temptation and snares. They are regularly caught by their own stupid and harmful desires, dragged down and pulled under into ruin and destruction. For the love of money—and what it can buy—is the root of all sorts of evil.”

1 Timothy 6:9-10 (TVB)

2. ...START MAKING _____ CHOICES ABOUT WHO GETS MY _____.

“Imagine you’re a servant and you have two masters giving you orders. What are you going to do when they have conflicting demands? You can’t serve both, so you’ll either hate the first and love the second, or you’ll faithfully serve the first and despise the second. One master is God and the other is money. You can’t serve them both.”

Luke 16:13 (TVB)

“Some people store up treasures in their homes here on earth. This is a shortsighted practice—don’t undertake it. Moths and rust will eat up any treasure you may store here. Thieves may break into your homes and steal your precious trinkets. Instead, put up your treasures in heaven where moths do not attack, where rust does not corrode, and where thieves are barred at the door. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

Matthew 6:19-21 (TVB)

3. ...START MAKING EVERY DOLLAR REACH ITS _____ AND _____.

“That’s when the Pharisees plotted a way to trap him into saying something damaging. They sent their disciples, with a few of Herod’s followers mixed in, to ask, ‘Teacher, we know you have integrity, teach the way of God accurately, are indifferent to popular opinion, and don’t pander to your students. So tell us honestly: Is it right to pay taxes to Caesar or not?’ Jesus knew they were up to no good. He

said, 'Why are you playing these games with me? Why are you trying to trap me? Do you have a coin? Let me see it.' They handed him a silver piece. 'This engraving—who does it look like? And whose name is on it?' They said, 'Caesar.' 'Then give Caesar what is his, and give God what is his.'”

Matthew 22:15-21 (MSG)

“Give to everyone what you owe them: If you owe taxes, pay taxes; if revenue, then [pay] revenue; if respect then [pay] respect; if honor, then [pay] honor.”

Romans 13:7 (NIV)

“Learn some lessons from this crooked but clever asset manager. Realize that the purpose of money is to strengthen friendships, to provide opportunities for being generous and kind. Eventually money will be useless to you—but if you use it generously to serve others, you will be welcomed joyfully into your eternal destination. If you're faithful in small-scale matters, you'll be faithful with far bigger responsibilities. If you're crooked in small responsibilities, you'll be no different in bigger things. If you can't even handle a small thing like money, who's going to entrust you with spiritual riches that really matter? If you don't manage well someone else's assets that are entrusted to you, who's going to give over to you important spiritual and personal relationships to manage?”

Luke 16:9-12 (TVB)