



"...seek first the kingdom of God
and His righteousness..."

God First and Our Money - June

Purpose

- Review Lesson 1 – What does priority mean? Remember also that anything that comes between us and God is an idol! (**Revisit Theme Text – Mt. 6:33**)
- Read **I Tim. 6:6-11**. What is the root of all evil? (Careful of your answer) What is this passage really all about? What does “contentment” mean?

Thoughts

- Who is at risk to fall victim to the love of money – the rich or poor? (**Proverbs 30:8-9**)
- Why is it that one cannot serve both God and Mammon? (**Mt. 6:24**)
- Is advancement of self (i.e. making more money) always a sin/problem/danger? Answer – it depends on what it takes for you to get it, what you have to sacrifice, your focus, does God take a back seat or not!
- Giving is a necessity. (**I Cor. 16:1-2, Eph. 4:28**) What does **2 Cor. 9:5** encourage that we must do first before we can give?
- **Research:** What other words are used to describe the way we ought to give? How will keeping God first help me achieve the proper attitude?

Discussion

1. How can my attitude toward money affect my giving? (Positive and negative)
2. If God is first in my life, what will my attitude toward money be? How will I manage it?
3. Is mismanagement, mishandling of funds evidence of not keeping *God first*?
4. “Owe no man nothing.” Is all borrowing wrong? When do we cross the line?
5. How can my influence be affected when I don’t keep *God first* in my management of money? What are some other effects of not keeping *God first* in this area?
6. What are some practical things we can do to help us keep God first in this area?
7. Is it possible to give too much?