



BECOME A STRONGHEARTED PERSON

SUMMARY:

According to an NBC News report, Americans worry about money more than anything. This leads to negative impacts on mental health. Anxiety, stress, difficulty sleeping, and depression can begin to take root when we have a disordered view of money. In this week's message, Pastor Derwin shared how we can become stronghearted people by not allowing the deceptions of the enemy to take hold. Instead of treasuring money or material things, which leads to destruction, we embrace Jesus as our true treasure.

As you discuss this week's sermon, ask God to give you new eyes, a new perspective, and only one master, King Jesus.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

Consider the report Pastor Derwin shared at the start of the message. *Can you relate to the feelings of worry over money that most Americans have? If so, how have these worries manifested in your life?*

Read Matthew 6:19.

Why do you think this warning is given in Scripture?

What does this verse communicate about material things?

Read John 10:10.

Who is the thief spoken of in this verse?

What is a rich and satisfying life according to the world?

What is a rich and satisfying life according to Jesus?

Read Matthew 6:20-21.

What do you treasure? Are these temporal or everlasting?

Discuss verse 21 as a group. Share your thoughts and reflections.

Read Matthew 13:44.

STORMPROOF

FINDING FAITH IN LIFE'S DIFFICULTIES

This short parable tells of a man who treasured something so much, he gave up everything he had for it. Why does Jesus compare this to the Kingdom of God? What are the implications for us as Christ-followers?

Read Matthew 6:22-23.

The Jews thought of the eye as the window to the soul. Thought produces desire, desire produces action, action reveals the person.

How does this thought process relate to how we think about money?

Why is it important that we be given new eyes, a new perspective, on money?

In what ways does money uniquely hold power that could be dangerous?

Read Matthew 6:24.

Have you made the commitment to make Jesus your one true Master over and above money?

How can this commitment be reflected in your finances? (Remember the 5 characteristics of a Transformer: worship, connect, serve, give, invite.)

End your time by praying the words of the Lord's Prayer (Matthew 6:9-13)

Pray like this: Our Father in heaven, may Your name be kept holy. 10 May Your Kingdom come soon. May Your will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. 11 Give us today the food we need, 12 and forgive us our sins, as we have forgiven those who sin against us. 13 And don't let us yield to temptation, but rescue us from the evil one.