



WEDNESDAY CENTRAL

Hard Truths 4: Money

1) What *is* money?

- Power

- The currency of worship

2) How should we think about our money?

- God owns it all *(Psalm 24:1-2)*

- We steward it all *(Matthew 25:14-27)*

(1 Corinthians 6:19-20)

3) Why is money potentially dangerous?

- It can displace Christ as our master *(Luke 16:13-14)*
- It can displace Christ as our security *(Luke 12:13-21, 32-34)*
- It can displace Christ as our love *(Luke 18:18-30)*

4) How should we spend our money?

- To provide for ourselves *(1 Thessalonians 4:11-12)*
- To provide for our dependants *(1 Timothy 5:7-8)*
- To pay our taxes *(Romans 13:1-7)*
- To enjoy life! *(1 Timothy 6:17-19)*
- To make "forever friends" *(Luke 16:9)*

4) How should we give our money?

- Tithing?
- Joyfully *(2 Corinthians 8:1-9)*
- Self-sacrificially *(Mark 12:41-44)*
- Privately *(Matthew 6:1-4)*

5) Who should we give our money to?

- It's all good! *(Galatians 6:10)*
- Ministries you benefit from *(1 Corinthians 9:3-12)*
- Ministries to suffering believers *(Romans 15:25-28)*
- Ministries related to mission *(Titus 3:12-13)*

6) But what about...

- Debt? *(Proverbs 22:7)*
(Romans 13:8)
- Fair employment? *(Leviticus 19:13)*
- Corruption and bribery? *(Isaiah 33:15-16)*

7) What dangers must we watch out for?

- Being just like the world
- Being sucked into the "prosperity gospel"
- Being miserly to God
- Being a Pharisee