

Creekside Community Church

Money: Temptation, Treasure or Tool?

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The Dark Side of Money

1. Sacrificing Family for Money – The Story of Lot (Genesis 13-19)

2. Sacrificing Integrity for Money – The Story of Gehazi (2 Kings 5:20-27)

3. Sacrificing Fidelity for Money – The Story of Judas (Matthew 26:14-16; John 12:1-8; 13:29)

For further thought and discussion:

Getting Started

1. What was helpful to you in this week's sermon? What didn't you understand?
2. Have you ever made a sacrifice (e.g. of time, energy, money, etc.) that – in retrospect – you regretted? What did you give up? What did you hope to gain? Why were you disappointed with the outcome? Share your experience with the group.

Going Deeper

3. Why does Lot choose to live in the Jordan Valley (Gen 13:10)? What does this decision reveal about his priorities (see 13:12; 14:12; 19:1; see Gen 13:13; 18:20; Isaiah 3:9; Jeremiah 23:14; Ezekiel 16:48-49)? How does this decision impact his family (see Genesis 19:7-8, 14, 15-16, 26, 30-38; see also 2 Peter 2:6-7)?
4. Jeff offered some diagnostic questions about family and money. How can we determine if we're sacrificing our families for the sake of money? Which of these questions stood out to you? Why?
5. How does Gehazi sacrifice his integrity for money (2 Kings 5:20-27)? What's the consequence (v. 27)?
6. Jeff offered some diagnostic questions about integrity and money. How can we determine if we're sacrificing our integrity for the sake of money? Which of these questions stood out to you? Why?
7. How does Judas display a love for money (see Matthew 26:14-16, and compare with John 12:1-8; 13:29)? How can the love of money erode our fidelity to Jesus?

Application

8. What's one thing you can do this week to apply this sermon?