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“No one can serve two masters. For you will hate one and love the other; you will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.” **Luke 16:13 (NLT)**

What talks, burns a hole in your pocket, doesn't grow on trees, and can't buy you love? You got it: money! Though generally considered a taboo topic—ranking up there with politics and religion—money is a big part of our lives.

Money is simply a medium of exchange recognized by a society as payment for goods and services. Most money has no intrinsic value; it's good only for what it gets you. For the majority of people, money is simply necessary to live. But for many of us, finances can become much more than that, even coloring our perception of the entire world. It seems that money is a problem whether you have too little or too much (though many of you may be thinking that the latter is impossible).

What about you? What do you do with your money? What does your money do with you? Where do you look for wisdom or advice on how to handle money?

For Christians, the Bible is an authoritative guide to living life the way God intended. Christians believe the Bible teaches us how to live in a way that pleases God, blesses others, and brings lasting joy and peace. And as it turns out, the Bible has quite a lot to say about money.

In short, the Bible teaches that money is a good gift from God, but it is also a major temptation and can be a terrible master. As we will continue to explore this week, money itself isn't the problem; we are. The problem comes from within our heart.

***Prayer:** God as we begin our 3rd week of this Built to Last journey I pray that you will align my heart with your heart in this area of money. I pray that you will continue to transform me in a way that is pleasing to you.*