

Money Talks: Hope Message Notes

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Heart Crew Participant Guide

For the week of March 8 & 9, 2025

This is our final week of the Winter Semester. Heart Crews will take a two-week break and resume the week of March 29, 2025.

We hope you have had a great semester!

My Story

1. Being content with our level of wealth often requires gratitude. Take a few minutes and ask God to show you what you have to be thankful for, no matter your financial situation. In times of need, this can be difficult, so you can start small if needed. Write down 5 specific things that God has and is providing.
2. What is something that stood out, challenged, confused, or touched you in the message this weekend?

Digging Deeper

1. This weekend, Pastor Dan challenged us to put our hope in God instead of money. He reminded us that, compared to many in the world, we are rich. This week let's look at the account of a young man who was also offered hope and discuss his response. This account is recorded in 3 of the Gospels, so let's read all three: Matthew 19:16-30, Mark 10:17-31, and Luke 18-30.

- a. When an account is recorded in multiple books of the Bible, it is good to look at them together. There are a few different details that each recording gives us about this encounter. What are they?
 - b. Let's focus on Matthew's record for most of our discussion, but feel free to flip between the three as we explore the encounter. Look at Matthew 19:16-20. What is the going on with this young man?
2. Let's look at verses 18 & 19. List which commandments Jesus mentions here. Do you notice anything about the ones he chose?
- a. Jesus' response is interesting because He only asks about commandments that would address human against human issues, not those concerning a person's relationship with God. Why do you think he did this?
 - b. It seems that Jesus knew the young man was seeking righteousness in the eyes of men, but not a right relationship with God. The young man was working hard to earn his salvation. Read verse 20, what does the young man's response tell us?

3. The young man was working so hard, but he must have sensed that something was still lacking. He sought Jesus and asked Him for the answer. The problem was that the rich, young ruler was trying to earn his way into eternity with God. Let's see how Jesus responded in Matthew 19:21.

- a. Jesus gave the young man three instructions. What were they? Think about each one individually, how would each one affect the young man? Why is each one important?

- b. Let's keep going and read Matthew 19:22 – 30. Jesus must have saddened to see the young man walk away without the gifts of salvation and eternal life because of his misplaced hope. What does Jesus promise in these last few verses?

TAKING IT HOME

For this young man, his wealth was an obstacle to his surrender and trust of God. This young man did not understand that hope should be placed in God alone. Let's read 1 Timothy 6:17 every day, and ask God to give us confidence to hope in Him.