

# GOD & GOLD

## What Is Money All About?

Texts: Luke 16:10-15; Matthew 6:21

### *Money Matters (Part 1)*

#### Questions for Reflection & Discussion

1. If someone suddenly gave you a million dollars in cash, what would you do with it? What principles or values would inform you?
2. What are some of the good things that money can buy? What are some good things that it can't buy?
3. On a scale of 1-to-10 (1 = not at all / 10 = entirely) to what extent do "money matters" dominate your life? Explain your answer a bit.
4. Which of the following orientations to money<sup>1</sup> do you most identify with right now?

<b>Orientation</b>	<b>Poverty</b>	<b>Prosperity</b>	<b>Stewardship</b>
<i>Possessions are...</i>	Evil	A right	A responsibility
<i>I work to ...</i>	Survive	Become rich	Serve Christ
<i>Good people are...</i>	Poor	Wealthy	Faithful
<i>The less good are...</i>	Wealthy	Poor	Not trustworthy
<i>I give ...</i>	Because I must	To get	Because I love
<i>My spending is...</i>	With little gratitude	Carefree and consumptive	Prayerful and careful

5. What are some of the evidences that your heart is aimed at serving God more than it is at serving "mammon"?
6. If God were fully "God" to you, how might your financial priorities/patterns change?

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<sup>i</sup> Howard Dayton, *Your Money Counts*, p.152