

## GROUP DISCUSSION

Welcome everyone as they come.

Note that all discussion is to be confidential.

Watch the video and take notes below.

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Discuss the following questions.

1. Has your attitude towards money moved you to do things you later regretted?
2. Chuck referred to 2 Kings 17:41: "Even while these people were worshipping the Lord, they were serving their idols." Turn to Matthew 6:24 and read together.
  - Why do you think it is significant that Jesus used the word serve rather than worship?
  - Do you agree with the assertion that a person can't serve two masters? Isn't it possible to work part-time for one person and part-time for another?
3. How have you or others you've know idolized money in the ways in we talked about in today's sermon?
  - It will satisfy you.
  - You matter.
  - You will be secure.
  - It will save you.

Pray for one another. Leave plenty of time for people to share requests and pray. List some reminders to help you pray this week.

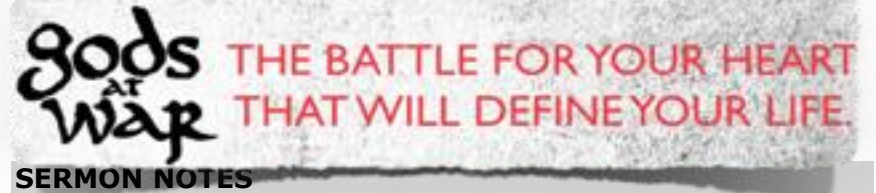
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### Key Scripture: Matthew 6:19-34

1. An idol is something we \_\_\_\_\_, other than God.
2. No matter what we say or what we think, what we \_\_\_\_ is the evidence of not only what we believe, but also who we serve!

### 4 Things we look to money to do for us that God wants to do:

1. Money will \_\_\_\_\_ you.
2. Money means that you \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Money will make you \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Money will \_\_\_\_\_ you.

***"God doesn't say 'well done good and faithful spectator' or 'good and faithful believer' but 'good and faithful servant.' The Jesus way of life is connected to how we serve God and those around us!"***

***-Pastor Paul Piraino***

**APPLICATION:** Take time this week to ask yourself these 4 questions to help identify if money has been an idol in your life:

1. Have I looked to money to satisfy me apart from God?
2. Have I believed that if I had more money that I would matter more?
3. Have I looked more often to money than God for security?
4. Have I looked at money in certain situations as my savior instead of God?

**DAILY REFLECTION & EXERCISE**

You can read over these in 1 minute, but that will not help you in this war. Instead, invite God to speak to you each day as you reflect and journal on these devotions.

**DAY 1 Examine your contentment:**

During the sermon this week we talked about Philippians 4:13 referring to God giving us strength to be content in any situation? Ask yourself if there are areas of discontent in your life, and then pray that God will show you things you can change to move towards contentment.

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**DAY 2**

In what ways have you looked for money to satisfy you apart from God?

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**DAY 3**

Reflect on and journal your feelings on this question: Have I ever believed that if I had more money that I would matter more, or be more significant?

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**DAY 4**

How have you looked to money for your security apart from God?

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**DAY 5**

Reflect on how you have looked to money to be your savior in certain situations apart from God.

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**DAY 6 Practice comforting others:**

Bring to mind someone who is at about the same stage of life as you, but with a lot more money and success. Take some time to notice how you feel when you compare yourself to them.

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**DAY 7 What was it like?**

Bring to mind someone who is at about the same stage of life as you, but with less money and success than you. Take some time to notice how you feel when you compare yourself to them.

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