

**Money, Possessions, & Eternity**  
**Part Three – A View from the Top**

**Mk. 8:34-37**

**Visuals: Money & a Cross: *What do these two things have in common?***

**Big Idea**

**Big Idea – You can't take it with you but you can send it ahead!**

The big idea brings us to the point of asking this basic question: What am I preparing for eternity? Our words and actions are continually building up or tearing down our treasures in heaven. There will come a time when everything we have on this earth will fade away, crumble, and be burned up. We cannot take any of our possessions with us but we can send it ahead in the form of building up treasures in heaven. What are you doing with your money and possessions?

**Three Stories of a View from the Top**

**Lesson Learned – Jesus Cares how You Spend His Money**

- **Mark 12:41-44**
- **Key Point** – The key point that we see here clarifies that mistaken concept that most Christians carry as a mindset in their lives today. Many believe that the material possessions that they have and use are not directly connected to their faith yet as we reflect upon the widow and her offering we see that it is directly connected. Why? Because the offering that you give to the Lord is the offering of your heart and it is not just a Sunday morning offering but how you spend your life and what you do with your life.

**Lesson Learned – It is better to be Rich Toward God than Rich on Earth**

- **Luke 12:15-21**
- **Key Point** – The key point that we see here clarifies that our life is not about merely achieving a moment of happiness here on this earth while we live. More money and more possessions do not bring us more happiness but more grief. Our true objective in this life is to store up treasures in heaven not on this earth and we do that by using what we have to bring God glory in the smallest to the largest ways.

**Lesson Learned – How we Handle our Money is the Story of Our Lives**

***Where we Put our Money is Where we Put our Character***

- **Luke 19:8-10**
- **Key Point** – The key point that we see here clarifies that how and where we spend out money truly tells the story of our lives. It tells us where our priorities are, what focus is truly upon, and what is most important in our lives. John Wesley died with only a few dollars to his name yet he earned so much during his lifetime. His priority was not build up his kingdom on earth but God's kingdom in heaven.

**Question to Consider**

How are you building up the Kingdom of God with the life you live? Explain.

**Memory Verse:**

**Mark 8:35** - For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me and for the gospel will save it.

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