

**I Mean Well**  
If Money Talked  
November 7, 2021

## Questions for Personal Reflection & Group Discussion

### Notes:

#### **Read Luke 16:1-14.**

1. What do you think about the money manager's scheme to take care of himself?
2. Consider Jesus' instructions in verse 9. What 'worldly resources' have been given to you?
3. Do you see yourself as an 'owner' or a 'manager' of those resources?
4. What's your first reaction to the idea that you are managing money that God has entrusted to you? Does that line up with the way you've thought about money before now?
5. Consider how you've spent your money over the past 30 days. Do your spending habits reflect the mindset of an owner or a manager?
6. What might be different about how you use your resources if you viewed them as a tool – a means to an end – to do something meaningful with your life?
7. What change will you make this week in light of what the Holy Spirit is saying to you about money?

# Exploring Christ

- Investigating but undecided about the claims of Christianity.
- Struggling mostly with belief in Christ, not with belief in God.
- Attending but not involved in church.
- Possibly a long-time churchgoer.
- Asking questions and taking steps to find answers.

# Growing in Christ

- Needs help taking personal responsibility for all facets of spiritual and emotional health and development.
- Faith begins to take root through significant testing with increasing confidence in and surrender to Jesus Christ.
- Exploring intimacy with Jesus through basic spiritual exercises, including, but not limited to: occasional Bible reading/reflection, prayer, corporate worship, occasional service.
- Beginning to understand and live out basic biblical theology.
- Developing the joy of giving, demonstrated in occasional offering and service.
- Beginning to understand the character of Jesus.
- Learning the importance of Christian community primarily through weekend church attendance.
- Learning to share their faith story with others, excited by occasional opportunities to serve those in need.

# Close to Christ

- Learning to take personal responsibility for all facets of spiritual and emotional health and development.
- Responding in faith through significant testing with increasing confidence in and surrender to Jesus Christ.
- Developing intimacy with Jesus through an increasing variety of spiritual exercises, including, but not limited to: regular Bible reading/reflection, prayer, occasional Bible study, corporate & personal worship, active church membership, consistent service.
- Understands, can explain, and live out basic biblical theology while exploring advanced biblical theology.
- Developing an understanding of stewardship, demonstrated in consistent tithing and service.
- Learning to model the character of Jesus, beginning to demonstrate the Fruit of the Spirit.
- Beginning to understand and live in deeper authentic Christian community.
- Looking for opportunities to share their faith story, and actively seeking opportunities to serve those in need, in their community and around the world.

# Christ-Centered

- Takes personal responsibility for all facets of spiritual and emotional health and development.
- Faith proven over time and thru significant testing with increasing confidence in and surrender to Jesus Christ.
- Actively pursuing intimacy with Jesus through spiritual exercises, including, but not limited to: daily Bible study/prayer, corporate & personal worship, active church membership, sacrificial service, solitude, fasting.
- Understands, can explain, defend, and live out biblical theology.
- Fully integrated understanding of stewardship, demonstrated in tithing and service.
- Motivated to serve in love, modeling the character of Jesus, consistently demonstrating the Fruit of the Spirit.
- Lives a grace-filled life marked by unity and accountability in authentic Christian community.
- Intentionally lives out the Great Commission in everyday relationships, as well as serving those in need, in their community and around the world.

Spiritual Beliefs & Attitudes

Church Activities

Personal Spiritual Practices

Spiritual Activities with Others

- **Salvation by Grace**
- **The Trinity**
- Personal God
- Christ is First
- Authority of the Bible

- **Serve the Church**
- Weekend Services
- Small Groups

- **Reflection on Scripture (rare to frequent)**
- Bible Reading (rare to frequent)
- **Prayer to Seek Guidance (occasional to frequent)**
- Prayer to Confess Sins

- Spiritual Friendships

- **Personal God**
- Salvation by Grace
- Authority of the Bible
- Christ is First
- Identity in Christ

- **Serve those in Need Through my Church**
- Serve the Church
- Small Groups
- Weekend Services
- Adult Education Classes Focused on Spiritual Topics

- **Reflection on Scripture (frequent)**
- **Prayer to Seek Guidance (frequent to daily)**
- Tithing
- Journaling (rarely)
- Solitude (frequent)
- Bible Reading (frequent)

- **Evangelism**
- Spiritual Friendships
- Serving Those in Need on my own
- Spiritual Mentors

- **Giving Away my Life**
- **Christ is First**
- **Identity in Christ**
- **Authority of the Bible**
- Stewardship

- **Serve those in Need Through my Church**
- Additional Teaching/Worship Service

- **Reflection on Scripture (frequent to daily)**
- Bible Reading (frequent)
- Tithing
- Journaling
- Solitude (frequent)
- Prayer to Confess Sins (daily)
- Prayer to Seek Guidance (daily)

- Evangelism
- Spiritual Mentors
- Serving Those in Need on my own