



In your Bible and Discipleship this week:

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Read one of these passages each day to deepen the impact of the sermon and to prepare for next week. Utilize your Life Journal pages or a note book, writing down a word, phrase or verse that especially speaks to you, then applying the SOAP process. Then, SOAK in God's presence with meditation and prayer.

Further study from this week's sermon:

1. Matthew 6:19-33.
2. 2 Corinthians 8:13-9:15.
3. Ephesians 5:1-33.
4. Colossians 3:1-19.
5. Hebrews 13:4-6.

Discussion questions for processing the sermon with your disciple buddy or small group:

1. Most people don't know the exact condition or operation of their financial life. Check your figures for the past month, income, outgo, etc. Answer these questions:
 - How much did I have in income?
 - Can I account for all expenditures?
 - How much are my basic living expenses, housing, groceries, etc?
 - How much do I pay each month on debt?
 - What's the total of my unsecured (non-mortgage) debt?
 - What am (can) I do to reduce and eliminate indebtedness?
 - What is 10% of total income?
 - Did I give that much to my church in tithe?
 - How much do I give to people in need, above my tithe?
 - Looking over non-essential spending from the month, how much did I spend for what? How many of those purchases were impulse buys to make me feel better? How can I control impulsive buying?
2. Read Matthew 6:19:33. Where is your treasure? Whatever stirs your emotions can be a key to the location of your treasure. Your heart follows whatever you have chosen to be your treasure.
3. What does it mean to trust in God for our needs instead of worrying? What would that be like? How can you?
4. Put an x between the two columns below to better understand yourself in regards to money, materialism, consumerism.

	1	2	3	4	5
Greedy					Grateful
Discontent					Content
Stingy					Generous
Impulsive spender					Controlled spending
Financially insecure					Financially secure
Anxious					Trusting God
Consumer debt					Debt free

