

Antioch CELEBRATION Message: "Strange Money"

Sermon Series: "Strange Things"

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"Learning about each other" question: What is something that you are surprised people spend money on?

Pastor John said, "The greatest financial storm occurring in your life right now is not the storm that is raging around you, but it is the financial storm that is raging in you."

What fuels the financial storm in me?

Myth #1 – More money will make me happy.

Yet true godliness with contentment is itself great wealth. After all, we brought nothing with us when we came into the world, and we can't take anything with us when we leave it. So if we have enough food and clothing, let us be content. **1 Timothy 6:6-8 (NLT)**

Those who love money will never have enough. How meaningless to think that wealth brings true happiness! **Ecclesiastes 5:10 (NLT)**

Myth #2 – More money will make me secure.

After all, we brought nothing with us when we came into the world, and we can't take anything with us when we leave it. **1 Timothy 6:7 (NLT)**

Myth #3 – More money will make me significant.

But people who long to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many foolish and harmful desires that plunge them into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is the root of all kinds of evil. And some people, craving money, have wandered from the true faith and pierced themselves with many sorrows. **1 Timothy 6:9-10 (NLT)**

What dissipates the financial storm in me?

1) I find security through knowing God.

Teach those who are rich in this world not to be proud and not to trust in their money, which is so unreliable. Their trust should be in God, who richly gives us all we need for our enjoyment. **1 Timothy 6:17 (NLT)**

2) I discover happiness through serving with others.

Tell them to use their money to do good. They should be rich in good works and generous to those in need, always being ready to share with others. By doing this they will be storing up their treasure as a good foundation for the future so that they may experience true life. **1 Timothy 6:18-19 (NLT)**

3) I experience significance through pursuing spiritual goals.

By doing this they will be storing up their treasure as a good foundation for the future so that they may experience true life. **1 Timothy 6:19 (NLT)**

Here's the lesson: Use your worldly resources to benefit others and make friends. Then, when your possessions are gone, they will welcome you to an eternal home. **Luke 16:9 (NLT)**

And what do you benefit if you gain the whole world but lose your own soul? **Mark 8:36 (NLT)**

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What is the thought that challenges you most from these Scriptures or Pastor John's sermon?

When you consider your faith-leaders, does their perspective on money encourage you?

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Tell about a time someone was generous to you. Which of you was more blessed?

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How will your attitudes and financial practices impact those who look to you for leadership:

...financially?

...spiritually?

Pray!

Thanksgiving—it's a state of mind, a mental attitude, a response of gratitude to a giving God—take the time to thank God for all He already has done, and then humbly ask Him for what you need.