

# Short Stories

The Rich Young Ruler (Pastor Josh)



## MAIN POINT

Money. That's the main point. Money. It's awkward to even mention it, isn't it? Say it all together now... Money. If Jesus spoke more about money than heaven and hell combined, then it's safe to say that money and the love of money is a major topic of concern for God.

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Pastor Josh said "The danger of darkness is that you might not even know it's even dark."

Jesus said "You cannot serve both God and money." Are we in the dark about this?

Question) Do you think that maybe Jesus said that because most of us will serve both God and money and live in darkness that it's actually a problem?

1) Money promises to give us what only God can truly provide for us

-promises us peace

-Only God can truly give us peace a peace that passes all understanding

-Promises you Joy

-that's not happiness. Money can buy happy moments, happiness depends on what happens

- joy is an overflow of who you are in Jesus

. Question) Can you name a time when you had joy? What about a time when you were happy?

Money presents a path that SEEMS right (Proverbs 14:12)

-Money's path is to keep, God's path is to give

-Ecclesiastes 5:10 "Those who love money will never have enough. How meaningless to think that wealth brings true happiness."

Question) Why is it that even after reading God's words on this that we STILL think that we'd be happier, more secure if we had more money?

-Luke 6:38. Jesus was pretty clear about his feelings on money and giving versus accumulating wealth... So why do we have so many churches that close doors because there is no money being given? Why are so many poor people going hungry and have no place to live? Yet we all have \$700 phones, \$200 000 homes and \$20 000 vehicles?

Question: List some reasons why people are unwilling to give. (the church is untrustworthy, selfishness etc)

## APPLICATION QUESTIONS

we usually do what we want to do financially and then invite God in to take the scraps." Ouch.

Examine your life and see what areas in your finances that might now be lining up with having a "generous heart"

Are there any glaring things that need to change? Credit cards, lopsided spending on entertainment, lack of self control when budgeting.

It all comes down to a spiritual issue. Spend some time in prayer that God would give you HIS eyes when it comes to issues of money, faith and where your heart is.

