



## June 2023

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### Overview

Money is a subject people are really private about. At the same time, it's an important issue that affects many aspects of our lives. This is especially true as the cost of living continues to rise in our country. It's not a subject we can continue to avoid. After all, Jesus talked about it a lot!

According to Jesus, how we see money and what we do with money are strong indicators of what's going on in our hearts. It affects the sort of Jesus followers we are becoming. We need therefore to take time to talk about money together, to understand God's perspective and to encourage one another to honour God with all we have - especially our money.

### Outline

1. Heart - Matthew 6:24-34
2. Head - 1 Chronicles 29:10-16
3. Hands - Matthew 6:19-21

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Heart • 4 June 2023 • Matthew 6:24-34

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1. What was your first job?
  
2. Read Matthew 6:24-34 together:
  - a. What are the key things that jump out to you?
  
  - b. How would you sum up Jesus' message? Can you say it in a sentence?
  
3. Have a look at v32.
  - a. What does Jesus say about 'pagans'?
  
  - b. How do you observe this in the wider world?

4. A key theme of the passage is worry.
  - a. What is it about material wealth that most worries you right now?
  - b. What would it look like to trust God in this?
  
5. Money is clearly an important issue in our lives and yet it's not something we talk about very much.
  - a. What would it look like to have healthy conversations about how money is impacting our lives as Jesus' followers?
  - b. Are there things you want other people to check in with you on?

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## Head • 11 June 2023 • 1 Chronicles 29:10-16

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1. What was the first thing you remember saving up money to buy?
  
2. Have a look at 1 Chronicles 29:10-16 together.
  - a. What stands out to you in the passage?
  
  - b. What do you see as the most important take away?
  
3. Proverbs commands that we 'honour the LORD with our wealth (Prov 3:9).
  - a. Are there things we can spend on or invest in that definitely don't honour the Lord?
  
  - b. What does honour look like with money?

4. If the people in your world copied the way you use money, would that be a good thing? Are there things you feel challenged to change?
  
5. Dave Ramsey wrote: “Tell your money where to go or you’ll wonder where it went.”
  - a. What are the benefits of budgeting your money?
  
  - b. Do you set a household budget? Why or why not?
  
  - c. Are there ways of supporting one another with this?

If budgeting is a challenge for you or you’d like to improve, The Street Church runs regular CAP Money Courses teaching basic budgeting skills. It’s good for all people to do, not just those struggling with debt. For more information, get in touch with [cap@thestreet.org.nz](mailto:cap@thestreet.org.nz).

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Hands • 18 June 2023 • Matthew 6:19-21

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1. As you think about Sunday's message...
  - a. What was new for you?
  - b. What was most challenging?
  - c. What questions do you still have?
  
2. Have a look at these verses on giving from Paul's letters (1 Cor 16:1-2; 1 Cor 8:7, 9:6-7).
  - a. What are the key lessons from these passages?
  - b. How does it shape your view of giving?

3. According to a recent report, Kiwis have donated \$36.6m to charity in the past year.
  - a. What do you think are the primary motivations behind this?
  - b. How might the motivations of Jesus followers be different in how and what we give?
4. As you reflect on Abel's offering in Genesis 2:4, what does it look like for you to give of your best to God?
5. Are there ways that your group can encourage one another towards greater generosity or even do something generous together?