

House On The Rock Life Group Study outline 2022

September: Wielding Wealth

Week 2 – Our attitude to money

Introduction

As societies have evolved, the role of money has become more and more central to the acquisition, expression and distribution of wealth; to the point that wealth is now often synonymous with money. This is not because people do not appreciate the difference between wealth and money but because they **do** understand that money is, for all intents and purposes, the gatekeeper to wealth. No wonder we see Jesus speak often about money in the New Testament. Interestingly, Jesus' emphasis was not on **what** to do with money as much as **how** we should relate with money, and this is the focus of our study today.

Pilot text

Luke 12:34 (NLT) Wherever your treasure is, there the desires of your heart will also be.

Luke 16:13 (NLT) No one can serve two masters. For you will hate one and love the other; you will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and be enslaved to money.

1 Tim 6:10 (NLT) 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.

For each of the scripture passages above, consider the following:

- What was the context of this passage (what else was happening or was said when this statement was made, that informs how we should understand and interpret the statement)?
- What is the speaker saying, **and not saying** about money?
- What should our attitude to money be?
- Take home actions
 - Thinking of the scriptures you looked at today and the discussion that followed, what do you need to change about your attitude to money?