

PART V: Integrity

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LAS WEEK'S PRACTICE

Last week apart from continuing to build our trellis, which now has four parts. 1) recognize our changes in emotions regarding money. 2) Have a moment to give thanks for God's blessings. 3) Make a practice to seek first the Kingdom of God. 4) Do an act of generosity. We also chose a curse we were practicing and made the decision to "confess and turn away from this sin" (Proverbs 28:13

- Would anyone like to shares with how you did with last week's practice?
- Would anyone like to tell an anecdote or short story about the practice to encourage the rest of the group

SUMMARY.

This Sunday our pastor was speaking about integrity. The importance of having integrity and its different aspects. Humility, Truth, and Honesty.

- What did the Holy Spirit speak to you (or got your attention) about Sunday's teaching?

2 Chronicles 32:27-31

- Why was it so important for God to test Hezekiah's heart?

PRACTICE AS A COMMUNITY.

At the beginning of this series, you did a self-assessment to find out where your heart was when it came to money and possessions. Not to judge but to see reality. Today, we're going to end this series by doing the same self-assessment to see where your heart is right now.

1. First.

- Pray for the Holy Spirit to guide during this time.

2. Second.

- Read first what the results mean and try to remember what you got the first time or what section you were in

28 - 45: There's an invitation for you to grow. You have been greatly affected and shaped by the experiences of your family of origin, in which money was probably the driver of family emotions; and it has affected you in how you see money and has affected you in a way that it's hard for you to be grateful when you can't get the things that you would like to get but sometimes can't. The good news is that you've already done the hard work; bring it out and acknowledge it. Together in community, we will work to defeat this pattern

18 -27: You are on the right track: Money and possessions is most likely still the filter through which you value your life; But you've made progress. The next step is that generosity, hospitality, and above all, the Holy Spirit, be the greatest guide in making your decisions and how you value life

1 - 19: Keep it up: If you're here it probably hasn't been easy, but it's been worth it. You don't waste your time, energy, thought, and money in trying to get more money or possessions. All your resources and possessions and how you value life, are invested in the well-being of what God has called you to do; with your family, church, community, and school. You are using money and possessions as a resource to advance the kingdom of God and not as a god that dominates you

3. Third.

- The facilitador will read the sentences at the bottom and choose a number from 1 to 5 for each one. 1 being low, 5 being the highest

Remember, this is not to make you feel bad or expose you (no one else is going to see this). It is for each of us to discover what is in our hearts

1. Growing up, in my family of origin (the ones you share a roof with), there was/is always a lack of money (or there was money but due to a lack of good administration we never had enough) **1. 2. 3. 4. 5.**

2. In my family of origin (the ones you share a roof with), every time there was/is a lack of money there were/are strong emotions (anger, fights, sadness, depression, etc. **1. 2. 3. 4. 5.**
3. In my family of origin (the ones you share a roof with), all or most of it was/is everything about money (or how to get more money. **1. 2. 3. 4. 5.**
4. Right now, personally and individually, whenever I know there's no money in our family or something happens with the money we do have, I tend to get sad, worried, anxious, or angry (or some emotion like that **1. 2. 3. 4. 5.**
5. Right now, personally and individually, what I spend most of my time, energy, thought, and even money on is getting more money or buying things (or something related to money **1. 2. 3. 4. 5.**
6. In these moments, personally and individually, it is difficult for me to be generous and i always fear that I will not have enough for myself and my family so I don't give or share **1. 2. 3. 4. 5.**
7. In these moments, personally and individually, I have wanted to spend more time with my family, take care of my health, get more involved in church, do the practices, rest, be generous, pray, and other things; but we have not been able to do it due to lack of money, so my parents can't do any of this things with me, and therefore I'm affected and don't want to do any of these things on my own **1. 2. 3. 4. 5.**
8. In these moments, personally and individually, when there is a lack of money, even if I/we remember to pray, I see my parents always go out to find the solution on their own strength in a hurried way and don't wait to hear the voice of the Holy Spirit to guide them. And when I do know about money issues in our family, I don't even bother praying **1. 2. 3. 4. 5.**
9. Right now, personally and individually, I am only happy and satisfied if I have money or when I have been able to get the things I've wanted. If there is no money and I can't get what I want, it is hard for me to be happy and grateful **1. 2. 3. 4. 5.**

4. Fourth.

- Now add up the total scores for each question

5. Fifth.

- Now read what your score could mean. Remember that this is not an exact science; it is an aid to help you identify some things that we are not normally aware of

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6. Sixth.

- Now knowing how your heart is, before and after this series, write a step that you are going to take now that the practice is over, so that mammon is not the owner of your life.