

PART III: Solomon and Money

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LAST WEEK'S PRACTICE.

The practice of the week was to have time to; 1) recognize our changes in our emotions regarding money and possessions. 2) Have a moment to give thanks for God's blessings. 3) Make a practice to seek first the Kingdom of God.

- Who did the practice and would like to tell us how it went?
- Why do you think it is so important to seek the Kingdom of God before money and possessions?
- Who would like to tell us how is it going with the one they are practicing?

SUMMARY.

This Sunday we were listening and learning about the person best qualified to talk about money; Solomon. He was and he is the person who has had the most money and possessions in all of history and he had a lot to say on this subject. Money, for better or for worse, is something we come into contact with every day of our lives, which is why we have to be very intentional in our practices. Because if we are not careful, without realizing it, money becomes our god. And it happens in subtle ways.

- What did the Holy Spirit speak to you in Sunday's teaching?

2 Chronicles 1:7-10

- What do you think of Solomon's answer? What would you have asked for?

Proverbs 11:24-25

- Why do you think that many times the Bible talks about money it also talks about generosity?

PRACTICE AS A COMMUNITY.

What we have been doing and will continue to do during this practice is building a trellis (which is what the pastor talked about on Sunday). The purpose of this lattice is not to allow mammon (the god of money) to be the god of our lives. So we encourage you to be very intentional with these practices because there are only two gods that we can serve, either God or money. And if we don't create a lattice in our lives, mammon will be directing our daily lives without realizing it.

1. First.

- Read Proverbs 22:9

2. Second.

- Think about how last week's practice went and what changes you could make to improve. That was the base of the trellis, and without the base, it's almost impossible to build the rest of the trellis.
- Would anyone like to share what changes you are going to make to improve?

3. Third.

- The next ingredient of the trellis is generosity.
- Think about what (just one) thing you could do this week to be generous with your money.
 - Add a percentage to your budget for generosity.

- Honor your parents by sending them money, inviting them to eat or a gift (not out of necessity but out of generosity).
- Think of someone in your community who may have a need and help them with it.
- Think of a person with whom you would like to be generous (not out of necessity but out of generosity).
- Be wise (doesn't have to be a lot of money) and creative.
- Let's pray to ask the Holy Spirit for guidance and then write what you are going to do.

4. **Fourth.**

- Now in a personal way, take a few seconds to ask the Holy Spirit to help you build this trellis, through these practices, to remove mammon from your life.

TO FINISH.

- Remember that we are not looking for perfection but to practice. Building this trellis takes time, so be intentional and be gracious to yourself.
- If you are single, what better way to invest your money than being generous. If you're young, there's no better time than right now to build your trellis. For families, this is the best time to talk about this among yourselves and all together decide how you can be generous. For the older ones, what better way to leave a legacy of generosity to the people around you. This is a practice for all ages.
- Who would like to tell us how it feels to be building your own trellis?