

## Wisdom & Finance

Lord, help me be grateful for what I have, remember that I don't need most of what I want, and that joy is found in simplicity and generosity. Amen.

**Day 1:** Read Luke 11:1-4. How is radical trust reflected in the Lord's Prayer, asking God to "give us each day our daily bread?" What would radical trust mean in your own life?

**Day 2:** Read Isaiah 55:1-3. Where in our society do you see people spending their money for bread that does not satisfy? Consider Adam Hamilton's "Six Financial Planning Principles:"

- 1. Pay your tithe and offering first
- 2. Create a budget and track your expenses
- 3. Simplify your lifestyle
- 4. Establish an emergency fund
- 5. Pay off your credit cards, use cash/debit cards for purchases, and use credit wisely
- 6. Practice long-term savings and investing habits

How could these practices help you work toward your financial goals?

**Day 3:** Read Luke 14:13-14. There is joy in living for something beyond ourselves. How would you describe your life purpose? What are three goals that can help you achieve this life purpose? What are some financial goals that can help support your life goals and purpose?

**Day 4:** Read Ecclesiastes 7:12. Seeking wisdom regarding our finances often means asking difficult questions. How are you making the most of everything that you have? Do you find yourself being wasteful here or there because you can afford to?

**Day 5:** Read Matthew 25:14-21. Like the master, God has given us things in life that we are "in charge of." What has God put you "in charge of" in your life? How has God gifted you to make an impact?

Sermon questions adapted from the book *Enough:* Discovering Joy Through Simplicity and Generosity by Adam Hamilton.

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## Monthly Prayer Focus

Lord, breakthrough into the lives of those affected by natural disasters and crisis with new hope and God sized possibilities. We trust in you, our Rock and Redeemer, even when the world around us is falling apart, we are strengthened by You. Grant us the peace that surpasses all understanding as we abide in you. Thank you Jesus!

Office Hours - 9:00-3:00 Open over noon hour Hospital or Home Visit - please let the church office know if you would like a visit. Hearing Assistance - devices are available ask an usher. Kids Coloring Pages - are outside of the Cry Room, near the fire place. Lost & Found - located at the Connection Desk. 5 Ways to Give - visit legacyumc.org/give for online, text, app and more.