

Give, Save, Live

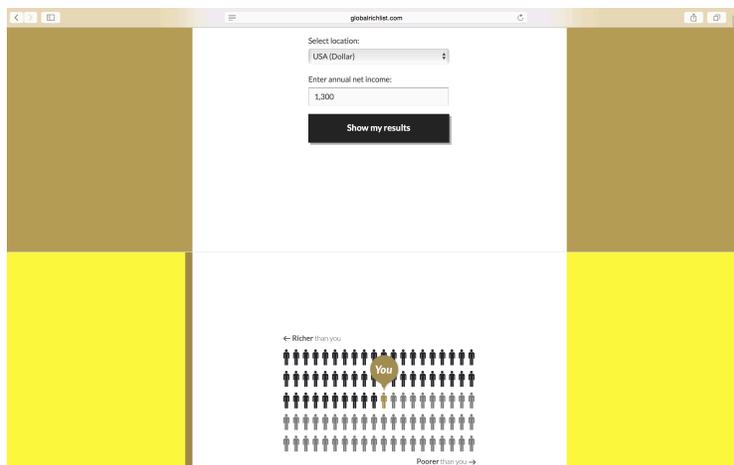
Week 2: God The Son Saves

Weekly Summary: The Proverbs picture a wise person as one who doesn't squander every last dollar like a prodigal child. They leave an inheritance for their children's children. Yet Americans have nothing left to save. The vast majority, despite the shocking wealth of our time, are living in debt. Why? Because we are trying to save ourselves from boredom (new toys), from being average (new clothes, bigger homes), from sadness (vacations and upgraded phones). Yet, the short-term pleasure doesn't last long and we end up needing to be saved. But God saves. Jesus' atoning work saves us from being separated from God. In his presence we find the secret of being content and are able to spend less and save more.

❖ Proverbs 21:20a - The wise store up choice food and olive oil.

Proverbs 30:25 - Ants are creatures of little strength, yet they store up their food in the summer.

Proverbs 13:22a - A good person leaves an inheritance for their children's children.



❖ The Key: Jesus saves.

❖ Revelation 22:3-4a - The throne of God and of the Lamb will be in the city, and his servants will serve him. **4** They will see his face.

- ❖ Matthew 6:19 - "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal."

Matthew 6:20-21 - But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. **21** For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

- ❖ The **saved** can **save**.

Points to Ponder

1. Reread Jesus' classic words on worry in Matthew 6:25-34. Find at least two reasons Jesus gives us to not worry about our financial future.
2. The Apostle Paul said, "Godliness with contentment is great gain." How does that verse apply to kids at Christmastime? Or to young professionals working their first job? Or to an engaged couple planning a wedding? Or to you personally? How does Jesus/ today's message fit into finding contentment?
3. Challenge: Find a trusted friend who is financially smart and ask about their budget. How did they get into the habit of saving? What could you imitate with your own finances?

Homework For Next Week: 1 Timothy 6:6-19

*"The only one who can truly satisfy my heart
Is the One who made it."
~ Anonymous*

Worship Through Song at The CORE:

1. "All Because Of Jesus" - by Fee
2. "At The Foot Of The Cross" - by Brooke Fraser
3. "Anchor Of Hope" - by Ellie Holcomb
4. "Made New" - by Lincoln Brewster