

Give, Save, Live

Week 3: God The Spirit Lives

Weekly Summary: God is in the joy-giving business. He is not a money-hungry owner that denies his money managers any personal pleasure. Instead, God created a beautiful world and gave us money to enjoy it. Some imply you should feel guilty for any personal spending (as if owning a TV was a mortal sin when so many people in the world are starving). But if we have given first and saved second, we do not need to feel guilt in living off the rest, to enjoying the places God created, the food God grew, the technology God allowed us to develop. He gives these things for our pleasure! So, be generous first and enjoy the rest to his glory.

❖ The world = LIVE, save, _____

❖ The church = GIVE, save, _____

❖ 1 Timothy 6:17a - Command those who are rich...

1 Timothy 6:17b - ...in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God...

1 Timothy 6:17 - Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment.

❖ The Spirit lives so we enjoy God (aka "This!")

❖ 1 Timothy 6:18 - Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share.

- ❖ 1 Timothy 6:19 - In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life.

Points to Ponder

1. Dig into 1 Timothy 6:3-19. Find at least three important points about a Christian view of money and share them with your Life Group or a Christian friend.
2. If a stranger looked at your finances from 2017, what would he find when it comes to giving, saving, or living? Based on this sermon series, what do you hope will be different in 2018?
3. Challenge: Share your current financial plan with a trusted and encouraging friend. Ask for accountability, prayers, and reminders of God's promises to forgive and bless his people.
4. How might you use this sermon series to encourage a friend who recently had a baby? What simple truths would you want your friend to share with their family as they raise a child in a world that loves to constantly consume?

Homework For Next Week: Genesis3:1-19

"God richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment."

~ The Apostle Paul

Worship Through Song at The CORE:

1. "Beautiful One" - by Shane & Shane
2. "Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)" - by Chris Tomlin
3. "10,000 Reasons (Bless The Lord)" - by Matt Redman
4. "Future" - by Desperation Band