



**Myth #1:** Money is the root of all EVIL.

**1 Timothy 6:10a**

*For the love of money is the root of all kinds of evil.*

**Myth #2:** Monetary wealth is a SIGN of God's blessing.

**Matthew 5:45b**

*For he gives his sunlight to both the evil and the good, and he sends rain on the just and unjust alike.*

**Practical Sweet Spot:** INTENTIONAL & GENEROUS

*"Earn all you can, save all you can, give all you can." (John Wesley)*

**Luke 21:1-4**

*While Jesus was in the Temple, he watched the rich people dropping their gifts in the collection box. Then a poor widow came by and dropped in two small coins. 'I tell you the truth,' Jesus said, 'this poor widow has given more than all the rest of them. For they have given a tiny part of their surplus, but she, poor as she is, has given everything she has.'*

***Where is God calling you to demonstrate radical generosity?***

## How to receive forgiveness from God:

- 1) Admit you, like everyone else, need new LIFE in Jesus.
- 2) Ask God to forgive your sins by the sacrifice of Jesus.
- 3) Receive new LIFE from God by trusting in Jesus as your Savior & Lord.

**You can do that now by simply talking to God in a prayer like this:**

*Dear Lord Jesus, I know I am a sinner, and I ask for Your forgiveness.*

*I believe You died for my sins and rose from the dead. Today, I receive you as my Savior; and I put my faith in you as my LORD. Help me to live for you all the days of my life. In Your name, Amen.*

**If you chose to follow Jesus today, text “FAITH” to 309-250-2007 to receive additional information about next steps in following Jesus.**

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### **For Further Reflection:**

:: *Growing up, what did your family communicate to you about finances? (Spoken or demonstrated?)*

:: *Pastor Josh mentioned two spiritual myths connected to money: Have you ever gravitated toward either of those myths? If connected to other churches in the past, what did those traditions communicate about finances?*

:: *Spend a few moments to think through each of the myths. What are the dangers and negative impacts for each myth?*

:: *Pastor Josh talked about intentionality as it relates to our money management: What are some ways that you seek to be intentional about your finances? Can you discern an ‘intentionality’ next step that God is asking you to step into?*

:: *Re-read Luke 21:1-4. What stands out to you about this story? What are some practical take-aways as you consider the widow’s offering?*

:: *If you were to do an ‘expenses’ audit, what would your expenses communicate about your priorities?*

:: *What is one tangible way that you can demonstrate generosity in the next week?*

Unless otherwise noted, today’s scripture is from the New Living Translation [NLT].

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