

STEWARDSHIP

YOUR HEART'S TREASURE
Matthew 6:19-34

MONTH

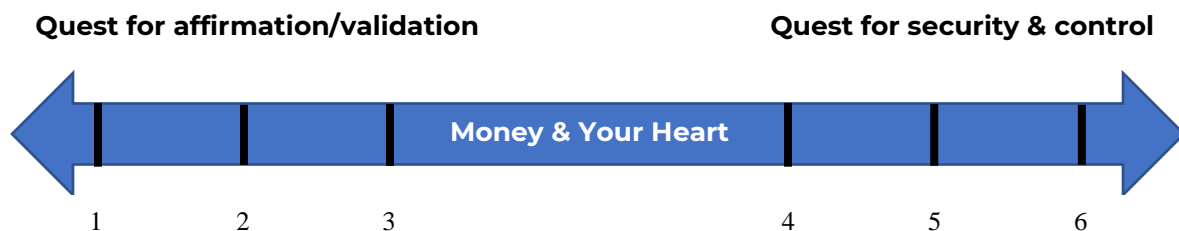
- 1) Read through [Matthew 6:19-34](#) as a group (pick someone who likes to read out loud) and stop and identify any "money" principles you see in this passage as you read it together.
- 2) Which of the "money" principles that Jesus describes in this passage are the most difficult for you to believe? Why?
- 3) Why do you think it is difficult for us to identify in ourselves unhealthy heart conditions concerning money?

Let me tell you why we don't even consider that we have a problem. Here's our trump card - we all have someone in our life that has more money than we do, who lives more extravagantly than we do. It's our get out of jail card. As long as we know of someone who is worse we are good to go. Nobody ever feels rich because we always compare, and it prevents us from asking some very painful questions like: Do I really need to spend this much money on this? Do I have any intentional plan to care for the poor? Why is my heart resistant to give away my resources?

- 4) What are the unhealthy ways that money is important to us? What do they represent to us?

Affirmation, significance, power, security, control, etc.

- 5) On the spectrum between using money as a means of validation and affirmation and using money as a means of control and security, where do you fall?



- 6) At Church of the Open Door, the staff and elders ask you to think/pray through the amount you want to trust the Lord with as far as your stewardship in 2021. Why is this exercise frustrating or scary or intimidating?