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Faith & Finance

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Luke 6:20-36 “**Money Woes**”

All of our “Money Woes” both personally & culturally are due to misplaced values because we either don’t know Christ or aren’t living in the reality of the true wealth we have in Him.

World’s Kingdom Values: vv24-26 (Luke 4:1-13; 1John 2:15-17) “Woe” = this is pity for people who are living in this way and what is going to happen to them.

- Wealth v24 woe to you who are rich... Being rich isn’t the only form of power but it’s one of the main ones.
- Comfort v25a woe to you who are full now... To have your physical desires satiated.
- Success v25b woe to you who laugh now... It means gloating because you have won.
- Recognition v26 woe to you when all people speak well of you... Celebrity, acclaim...

This is not a woe to those who have these things but that these are bottom line identities.

V24 ...for you have received your consolation (Greek *paraklēsis* – deep consolation, solace, & comfort.

God’s Kingdom Values: vv20-23, 30-36 (Matthew 7:24-27; Phil.4:11-13) The things we value we prioritize and the things we practice we practice.

In God’s Kingdom...

- The Humble are in and the proud are out. Matt5:2-12
- You have Perseverance because the loss of these things (wealth, comfort, success & recognition) don’t devastate. Matt7:24-27
- Godly Character is built on an identity that transcends the temporal. Luke 16:19-31

- There is Compassion for the poor and marginalized. Vv35-36
- Radical Generosity with no strings attached is normal. Vv32-34

To the degree that I am seized by what it cost God to give me true wealth, comfort, success & recognition is to the degree that I will be a person of humility, perseverance, character, compassion & generosity. 2Cor8:9, 9:8



Growing

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- 1) Why is it that you can tell a lot about people by how they spend their time and money? Why do you think subjects of the Kingdom of God would spend their time and money differently than those of the Kingdom of the world?

- 2) Read Luke 6:20-36. What stands out to you? What are the World's Kingdom Values (vv24-26)? Four times Jesus says "Woe to you" which is not scolding but pity. What would be the difference in tone?

- 3) This is not a woe to those who have these things but that these things are bottom line identities (V24 "for you have received your consolation"). What is the difference? What does it mean that if you're living for wealth, comfort, success & recognition than your days are numbered (Dan5:26/1John2:15-17)?

- 4) Jesus isn't saying that Christians should seek these things (poverty, hunger, grief, persecution) anymore than having wealth, comfort, success & recognition is wrong. Jesus wants us to get to the bottom line values of our life. What are values? The things we value we prioritize and the things we prioritize we practice. Explain.

- 5) Review the 5 value statements that reflect those who are in God's Kingdom. Which one(s) are strengths & which one(s) growth areas for you? Why do we struggle with the opposing values of God & the world? How does v23 reflect the attitude of those who find God's Kingdom of greater value? Pray it's true @ db!