

Financial Freedom

Sermon Series: Fear Factor

Proverbs 30:7-9

FINANCIAL FREEDOM:

A life free from *excessive worry* about money.

A life free from the <u>endless pursuit</u> of money.

FINANCIAL FREEDOM: Starts With How We Think

- Money is not an accurate measure of <u>God's favor</u>.
- 2 Never let *net worth* determine *self worth*.
- **3** Never assume *money* equals *security*.
- Never confuse stinginess with stewardship.

FINANCIAL FREEDOM: Flows Out Of What We Do

- Get the facts.
- 2 Eat what you kill.
- **3** Save some for tomorrow.
- Share some today.

REALife Application

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1. At times our stress with finances can be unduly heightened because we've raised the bar too high on what we consider to be essential needs. What are some typical things we might say "we need," but in reality are just luxuries?

DIGGING DEEPER

1. Our priorities often drive the extent of our financial freedom, contentment, and generosity even more than whether we are prosperous or in need. How can the following verses help us keep a healthy perspective?

Deuteronomy 8:17-18 Proverbs 23:4-5

Luke 16:10-12 Jeremiah 9:23-24

- 2. In Matthew 6:25, Jesus illustrated a number of distractions that can cause us to lose contentment and even become greedy or money hungry. If you had the opportunity to rewrite this verse, what distractions would you add to make it apply even more specifically to you?
- 3. The Bible is quite clear that Christians are to help those in need. How do the following verses help us discern between various needs and which ones we should jump in to fix and which ones to let go?

Matthew 25:37-40 Je

Jeremiah 22:15-16

2 Thessalonians 3:6-10

1 Timothy 5:8

Micah 6:8



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