

## Chasing Carrots Money and Stuff

### TALK IT OVER

#### Key Scriptures

*Then he said to them, "Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions." Luke 12:15 NIV*

*"But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?' This is how it will be with whoever stores up things for themselves but is not rich toward God." Luke 12:20-21 NIV*

*Moreover, when God gives someone wealth and possessions, and the ability to enjoy them, to accept their lot and be happy in their toil—this is a gift of God. Ecclesiastes 5:19 NIV*

*... "How hard it is for the rich to enter the kingdom of God! Indeed, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." Luke 18:24-25 NIV*

*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. Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. 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. 1 Timothy 6:17-19 NIV*

*Whoever loves money never has enough; whoever loves wealth is never satisfied with their income.*

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Ecclesiastes 5:10 NIV

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Start talking. Find a conversation starter for your group.

- What's the craziest thing you would do for a million dollars?
- If you became extravagantly wealthy overnight, what's the first thing you would do?

Start thinking. Ask a question to get your group thinking.

- Why does wealth seem like a moving target? Why do we always want just a little bit more?
- Read Luke 12:16-21. What reasons would God have for caring what we do with our money?

Start sharing. Choose a question to create openness.

- How can we focus less on what we don't have and more on what God has given us?
- How can you share the blessings God has given you with others in need this week?

Start praying. Be bold and pray with power.

*Father, we know that everything we have comes from You. Thank You for providing for our needs every day, in ways small and big. Thank You for giving us opportunities to bless others with the things You've given us. Help us to remember that, in You, we can find everything we need. In Jesus' name, amen.*

Start doing. Commit to a step and live it out this week.

- Think of a way to use the things God has given you to help someone in need this week. Then make it happen!