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Week 1 – He Owns It, We Use It

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### **Introduction:**

Background: 1 Chronicles 29:11-12

Main Scripture: Luke 12:13-21 (The Parable of the Rich Fool)

### **Five Ways to Keep Money in its Proper Place...**

1. Don't let your world shrink to the size of your latest \_\_\_\_\_ problem (vs. 13)
2. Have a war-time \_\_\_\_\_ about greed and envy (vs. 15)
3. Allow wiser people to \_\_\_\_\_ you concerning money (vs. 17)
4. Remember the \_\_\_\_\_ important money principle (vs. 20)
5. \_\_\_\_\_ richness toward God your life's priority (vs. 21)

### **The Big Idea:**

1 Timothy 6:6 says that “godliness with contentment is great gain” (literally “the greatest gain”). Contentment is the key to fulfillment and richness. We are all very capable worshipers. The question is, which “god” are we worshiping? When we walk in gratitude, contentment and generosity, we glorify God and feel like the richest people in the neighborhood!

## QUESTIONS FOR LIFE GROUPS AND PERSONAL REFLECTION:

### Personal Life:

1. Why do you think the topic of money is so taboo to talk about as fellow believers? How have church scandals and unbiblical or manipulative views about money contributed to this resistance?

### Ponderings:

2. Why, in your opinion, is the subject of money so central to everyday discipleship? Share your thoughts...
3. Were you surprised to hear about the frequency with which the Bible addresses money? (*More in the NT about money than about Heaven and Hell combined, 5X more about money in the bible than prayer, 16 of 38 parables of Christ focused on money, 2000 Bible verses on money and possessions...*). Why or why not?
4. Read 1 Chronicles 29:11-12 as a group. How would our handling of money look differently if we lived daily as though these verses are true? Discuss...
5. Which of the Five Points of the weekend message (based on Luke 12:13-21) was most helpful, applicable or illuminating to you and why?
  - Don't let your world shrink to the size of your latest money problem
  - Have a war-time mentality about greed and envy
  - Allow wiser people to mentor you concerning money
  - Remember the most important money principle
  - Make richness toward God your life's priority

### Promptings

6. Will you commit by faith to allow God to speak to you through His word as we walk through this series on this important subject? Close in prayer for each other, asking God to bring greater clarity, peace and freedom to your management of His resources...