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Week 3 – He's Faithful...Don't Worry

Introduction:

Luke 12:22-34

How to Tread Upon the Worry Monster:

1. Realize that worry has no power to _____ a money problem (v. 22-30)
 - God is the ultimate source of provision
 - God is our Father

"Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to his life?"

2. Recognize that _____ is the most sound financial investment we will make in this life (vs. 33)

Charity comes from Greek *charis* meaning "grace" or "free gift"

"Provide purses for yourself that will not wear out, a treasure in heaven that will never fail, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys."

3. Realize that generosity is ultimately _____ to the heart, not the wallet (vs. 34)

"For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also..."

See Luke 21:1-4

Proverbs 3:9-10 – Honor the Lord with your wealth

Acts 20:35 – It is more blessed to give than to receive

The Big Idea:

Whatever is alive requires investment. A living, growing, forward-moving, Christ-exalting church is God's "Plan A" for impacting communities and transforming culture. This eternal investment is the greatest legacy we leave...

QUESTIONS FOR LIFE GROUPS AND PERSONAL REFLECTION:

Personal Life:

1. For you, where does money rank in terms of the things you commonly worry about? Is it a frequent concern? Occasional? Almost never? Share about why you think this is the case and what God is teaching you about worry, especially when it comes to money...

Ponderings:

2. The first principle in the weekend message was to realize that money has no power to cure a money problem (or any other problem for that matter). Besides money, what are some other areas of life in which you find yourself worrying? How can this principle help you in that struggle?
3. We don't often think about the fact that our charitable giving (and specifically what we invest in God's Kingdom) is the most sound financial investment we can make. How would embracing this reality allow us to experience greater freedom from worrying about money? Discuss...
4. Jesus tells us that generosity is ultimately connected to the heart, not the bank account (Luke 12:34). Our passions will eventually follow our investments. Share about a few areas of your life where this is obviously the case... Then, read Luke 21:1-4 as a group and discuss how this story applies to our lives today...
5. Proverbs 3:9 says, "*Honor the Lord with your wealth, with the firstfruits of all your crops.*" What is this principle of honoring God with the "firstfruits" and how does the principle apply to New Covenant believers today?

Promptings:

6. Jesus said that "It is more blessed to give than to receive" (Acts 20:35). Have you ever been taught (in a former religious environment) that you should give so that God will bless you with more? Why is a "give to get" mentality so antithetical to the genuine Christian life? If, as Jesus tells us, the act of giving is *itself* the greatest blessing, how can we more fully embrace and walk in this mind-set in the here and now?