

Freedom: Lifestyle Investments

Life Steps | November 19 & 20, 2016

Monday

Luke 12:13-21

Jesus named a disease from which many of us suffer, “the affliction of the affluent.” In what ways have bigger, better and more crept into your life? Is there a part of your lifestyle (clothing, cars, home, entertainment costs, etc.) that Jesus is encouraging you to downsize? Explain.

Tuesday

Luke 12:13-21

The rich man in the parable was called “a fool” largely because his lifelong choices kept him from what mattered most. What/who matters most to you? According to your choices, are you more building a spiritual or financial portfolio?

Wednesday

Luke 12:22-26

Sometimes, like the rich man, we worry about running out of money but forget we are also running out of time. What is one way you could better use your time invest more in God’s purpose? Ask God to remind you each day how important it is to make wise use of the gift of time.

Thursday

Luke 6:32-38

God has established the law of release and increase, “Give and it will be given to you.” Are you aware of this law at work in your life? What is one extra way you might release resources for God’s use this year? How might your faith need to grow in order to let go?

Friday

Luke 12:22-34

Jesus modeled a counter-cultural lifestyle and assured us that it’s okay to be different. How does your financial lifestyle mimic the world’s ways? What are some ways you’ve dared to be different? Ask God for courage to step out in faith more fully.

Saturday

Proverbs 14:23

When we spend more than we make, debt is the result and habits die hard. Take some time to journal/describe how you’ve handled over-spending this far as an adult. How might you take a new step in order to right-size your lifestyle? What do you need to trust God for that you formerly tried to solve with money?

Sunday

2 Corinthians 9:6-9

There’s a generous exchange going on between God and each of us. How has your heart been changed towards generosity in the past year? How has God been generous to you and your family? Before leaving this message series, take some time to journal what you are offering up to God.