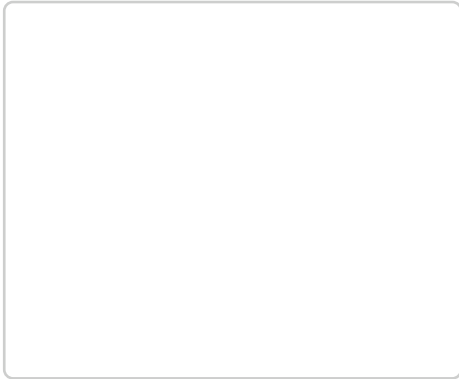


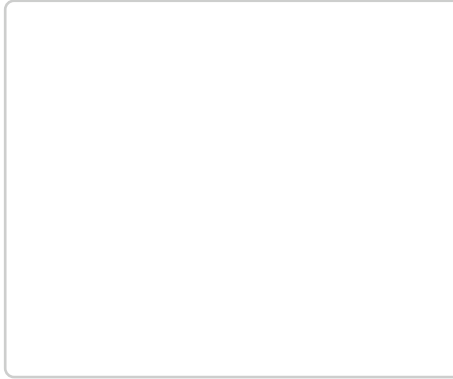
MONEY

1 A World Obsessed

Why do you think so many people find meaning in their pursuit of wealth?



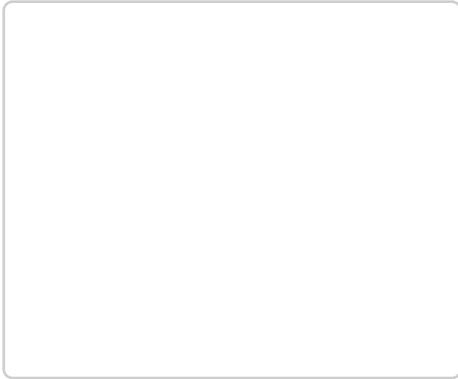
Where does satisfaction come from?



Materialism: A tendency to consider material possessions and physical comfort as more important than spiritual values.

2 Blessings and Greed

Why do you think the Bible spends so much time talking about money?



Therefore I tell you, do not be **anxious** about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your **body**, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than **clothing**? Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your **heavenly** Father feeds them. Are you not of more **value** than they?

- Matthew 6:25-26

How do you think Jesus would respond to today's "prosperity gospel"?

Jesus flipped the tables in the temple. Jesus felt a righteous anger toward the hypocrisy of the Pharisees and the greed and disrespect of the money changers. Following God, praying to him, and going to church have never been "get rich quick" schemes. Jesus would be counter-cultural today, and would condemn greed and selfish ambition.

3 A Generous Gospel

I think we have become much too accustomed to allowing sin to invade the **church** because it's part of our culture. The culture of the world in the twenty-first century is so **self-centered**... When we start operating like this in the church, we begin **catering** our theology to people's desires and ultimately their **sin**.

- Francis Chan

At the **heart** of the Gospel is Grace, a gift that provokes **giving**. God is **gracious**. He gives good gifts, even to those who do not deserve it. And those who receive God's good gifts are to return them upward in **praise** and outward in **service**.

- Glenn Packiam

What does abundant generosity in God's kingdom look like for you?

It might look like loving other students who are looked down on. It might look like giving money to others. It might look like volunteering at a local soup kitchen or homeless shelter.