

HEART FOR THE KINGDOM

The Kingdom Way (Week 2)

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Worship:

Song Suggestion: *Build My Life* - Pat Barrett

As you worship, ask God to align your heart with His Kingdom values. Invite Him to shift your mindset from striving to surrender.

Check-in: Money can stir up stress, fear, or even shame. Take a moment to share:

- What emotions or thoughts do I associate with money right now?
- Where have I been tempted to follow the world's way instead of God's way?

Synopsis of message:

This week we explored **The Kingdom Way** - God's perspective on money and how it reveals the posture of our hearts. Jesus spoke more about money than almost any other topic, not because He's obsessed with it, but because **money reflects the heart**.

Key Themes:

1. **God Isn't After Your Money - He Wants Your Heart**
2. **Money Carries a spirit** – We either trust **God** or **mammon**.
3. **The World's Way vs. The Kingdom Way**
 - Earn more → **Calling over compensation**
 - Spend wisely → **Contentment over consumerism**
 - Save → **God-dependence over independence**
 - Invest → **Stewardship over ownership**
 - Give → **Generosity over misery**
4. **The Kingdom Way Leads to Peace, Purpose, and Freedom** - When our hearts are aligned with God, when we trust Him, everything else finds its place.

Scripture Focus:

- Matthew 6:21
- John 16:33
- 1 Timothy 6:9-10, 17
- Haggai 1:5-7
- Luke 12:15
- Philippians 4:12
- Proverbs 18:11; 30:8-9
- Matthew 6:19-20
- Acts 20:24, 35
- Luke 16:13; 19:8-9
- 2 Corinthians 9:11-12

Discussion Questions:

1. **The World's Way vs. The Kingdom Way**
 - Which of the five financial principles (earn, spend, save, invest, give) do I most struggle with?
 - How does the Kingdom Way challenge my current mindset?
2. **Heart Check**
 - Where have I been trusting in money more than God?
 - What does it look like to live open-handed in this season?
3. **Calling and Contentment**
 - Have I ever made a decision based solely on compensation?
 - How can I pursue calling and contentment over chasing more?
4. **Stewardship and Generosity**
 - What does it mean to manage what God has given me with His heart in mind?
 - How can I practice generosity this week - even if I feel like I don't have much?

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Prayer Moment:

- Pray: *"God, I want to live the Kingdom Way."*
- Ask God to shift your heart from striving to surrender.
- Invite the Holy Spirit to help you trust Him with your finances, future, and purpose.
- Pray for peace and wisdom in financial decisions and for hearts to be aligned with God's truth.

Next Step:

This week, I will:

- Reflect on one area where I've been following the world's way.
- Choose one Kingdom Way principle to apply practically.
- Pray daily: *"Lord, I choose Your way. Align my heart with Yours."*