SERMON NOTES

November 8, 2026

A Broken View of Money

Colossians 2:23 | Russ Allen

Main Point: A broken view of money is destructive

Modern Gnosticism

1) Love for money is deceitful

2) Love for money is demanding

3) Love for money is identity-consuming

4) Love for money leads to greater sin

5) Love for money results in a wasted life

Gospel Hope

APPLYING GOD'S WORD (For LifeGroups)

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LifeGroup Discussion Questions:

1. What stood out to you from the sermon and the Scriptures?
2. Look at the first 4 "diagnostic questions" listed below. Are there any that tend to ring true in your heart? Explain.
    a. Do I think the absence of material wealth earns me favor with God?
    b. Do I look down on people because of their wealth?
    c. Do I think my life would be better, if only I had more money?
    d. Am I giving up good, godly things to make more money? Or to live at a certain status?
3. Look at the last 3 "diagnostic questions" listed below. Are there any that tend to ring true in your heart? Explain.
    a. If I switched socioeconomic status, how would I be? Or, more importantly, WHO would I be? Or if I lost everything I have, would I feel "lesser" or inadequate?
    b. Has my discontentment with what I have led to... controversy, quarreling, envy, dissension, slander, evil suspicions, friction with people, or faithlessness?
    c. How often do money or material possessions occupy my thought-life? For what and why am I saving money?
4. Does your life reflect that you love Jesus more than anything else? Explain.

B.L.E.S.S. Question of the Week:

How do you see unbelievers you know using money in ways that are wise and good? Why do you think they choose to do that and how does it reflect on God's work in their lives?

Memory Verse:

"No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money." - Matthew 6:24

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