



## THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW

### The Teachings of the King: The Dangers of Unmanaged Resources

Session Number: 7 | Week: 1 | Day: 7

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#### Bible Passage

Matthew 6:1-17

#### Introduction

Jesus challenged the Kingdom's citizens, warning that they would be affected by unmanaged financial resources.

#### Session Objectives

By the end of this session, you will have:

- Understood how unmanaged financial resources, whether abundant or scarce, affect Kingdom living.
- Appreciated that neither rich nor poor people are truly happy or contented; only Kingdom people are.

#### Session Outline

Jesus was the Expected Messiah as expressed through:

- **How unmanaged resources affect Kingdom living.**
- **The wisdom of asking for neither too much money nor too little.**
- **Dealing with worry biblically.**

#### Connecting

- Study together in a group of two or more people.
- Begin with a prayer, asking God to bless your understanding.
- Read the passage at least twice using different Bible versions, then retell the story among your group members.
- Share the challenges and blessings from the previous day.

#### Comprehending

What do the verses mean?

(In small groups, attempt the following questions):

- What did you learn about the attributes of God from this session? (We learn about God from what He says or does, His being, or what others say about Him.)
- What are treasures? What is money? List at least three ways

people acquire money. List the four ways people spend money on their possessions.

- Read Matthew 6:24. What does this verse reveal about serving God and money? How can you serve money? How can money serve you?
- Read Matthew 6:19-24. What did Jesus say about using your money and your vision for your money? (Laying up your treasures and the eye being the lamp of the body.)
- What happens when you have less than enough money? What worries you concerning having little money?
- Read Matthew 6:25-34. What five truths did Jesus teach His students about the enemy called worry or anxiety? How does worry affect Kingdom living?

## Committing

- Engage with the Bible—read, study, memorize, meditate, pray, listen, and live it out.
- List three lessons you learnt as an agent of change that you would practice and teach others about
- Take time and worship Jesus with the attributes revealed about Christ now.
- Engage SPACEPETS model, to do something after the session. Look for:
  - **Sin** to confess
  - **Promise** to claim
  - **Attitude** to change
  - **Command** to keep
  - **Error** to change
  - **Prayer** to make
  - **Example** to copy
  - **Truth** to obey and
  - **Something** praiseworthy

## Communicating

- Identify one person and share the lessons you learnt in this session?
- Visit or call a new believer and Pray with them over the issues they are struggling with. Issue of attending the church.
- Form another group and repeat this study.