

Half Truths: Hearing Grace in a World of Noise

Money Will Fix This

It's easy to feel overwhelmed by the competing voices and narratives that shape our lives. Often, these cultural messages—while well-intentioned—can leave us feeling burdened, anxious, or disconnected. We will explore seven pervasive cultural “half truths” that mislead our understanding of life, identity, and purpose.

This series of Small Group studies isn't about proving who's “right.” Instead, the goal is to discover how Jesus is the truth, and to step into reality where his gospel liberates us from all the little lies that cling so closely. And his gospel is the best tool for healing our bad theology and tendencies to make ourselves little gods.

? What are your guilty-pleasure splurges?

The Half-Truth: Money Will Fix This

What I really need is a good, high-paying job (& maybe a few side hustles) so I can solve my current and future problems with a big pile of guap.

? When was a time you were thankful you could afford an item or experience? What would be your “if you won the lottery tomorrow” purchase?

Possible answers: Tickets to my favorite artist/band, a new video game I've been anticipating, etc.

Answers will vary.

? Where does the money you have offer you daily, earthly comforts?

Possible answers: A bed to sleep on each night, no need to worry about food for the next meal, reliable transportation to work, etc. Answers will vary.

Where Do We See This In Scripture?

As you read these scripture passages, consider what they say about this half-truth: money will fix this.

Proverbs 23:4-5 (NIV)

Do not wear yourself out to get rich; do not trust your own cleverness. Cast but a glance at riches, and they are gone, for they will surely sprout wings and fly off to the sky like an eagle.

Matthew 6:19-21 (NIV)

Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Mark 12:41-44 (NIV)

⁴¹ Jesus sat down opposite the place where the offerings were put and watched the crowd putting their money into the temple treasury. Many rich people threw in large amounts. ⁴² But a poor widow came and put in two very small copper coins, worth only a few cents.

⁴³ Calling his disciples to him, Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put more into the treasury than all the others. ⁴⁴ They all gave out of their wealth; but she, out of her poverty, put in everything—all she had to live on.”

1 Timothy 6:10 (NIV)

For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.



What does scripture have to say about money & treasures?

Possible answers: don't wear yourself out to get rich. Do not store up treasures on earth. Be generous with what you have.



Where does our outlook change, regarding money & wealth, when the gospel becomes a factor?

Possible answers: The things of the world don't seem as enticing or necessary, an eternal view becomes a more default posture, my eternal value is not dependent on my earthly possessions.



When is it most difficult or easy for you to be generous?

How can we draw closer to the one that is the Truth?

For Discussion and Accountability

When do you put your hope in money? Why?



How is your heart believing this half-truth right now? How can we come alongside you in this?