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Dwelling Place Church Vision: Manifesting Christ in Many Ways to Many People

**Hebrews 2:1** NIV - We must pay the most careful attention, therefore, to what we have heard, so that we do not drift away.

Sermons on money make some people uncomfortable. Biblical sermons on money please God.

**Luke 5:1-11** NIV - One day as Jesus was standing by the Lake of Gennesaret,[a] the people were crowding around him and listening to the word of God. He saw at the water's edge two boats, left there by the fishermen, who were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little from shore. Then he sat down and taught the people from the boat. When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into deep water, and let down the nets for a catch." Simon answered, "Master, we've worked hard all night and haven't caught anything. But because you say so, I will let down the nets." When they had done so, they caught such a large number of fish that their nets began to break. So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them, and they came and filled both boats so full that they began to sink. When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at Jesus' knees and said, "Go away from me, Lord; I am a sinful man!" For he and all his companions were astonished at the catch of fish they had taken, and so were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, Simon's partners. Then Jesus said to Simon, "Don't be afraid; from now on you will fish for people." So they pulled their boats up on shore, left everything and followed him.

The tipping point of Peter's destiny is how he handled his livelihood in relationship to Christ.

#### The main question: Who captains this ship?

For God, money is not about amounts and accounts; it's about a testing of our hearts.

For the believer, money is a resource, but it is NOT the source of your life.

For Jesus, money is not neutral. It has a power of its own. It's not a passive tool, but a rival god. When Jesus says we cannot serve two masters (Matthew 6) he doesn't put Satan up against God—he puts money. This is the starting point to become wise with our money.

Poverty is actually a mentality that frames how you see everything.

You can actually give 10% of your income and not be tithing. Because tithing is not when you give God money; it's when you give God control of what you want to control.

Tithing is not a transaction. It is a spiritual statement.

## 1)God's blessing is released.

**Proverbs 3:9-10** NIV - Honor the Lord with your wealth, with the firstfruits of all your crops; then your barns will be filled to overflowing, and your vats will brim over with new wine.

Money is a magnifier.

## 2)Your relationship with God is deepened.

**Matthew 6:21**NIV - For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

# 3)You become part of something greater.

After choosing to follow Jesus, there is not a more significant step than this one: you choosing to open your financial life up to Him.

When many people think about God, they don't first typically think about generosity. God is the author of generosity, and Jesus is the ultimate example of God's unselfish love and generosity to His people that is unmatched in the world around us. Our God is not stingy or reluctant to give. As Jesus' disciples, we are called to live in a way that reflects God's generosity. The gospel demonstrates clearly that we are recipients of God's lavish grace and that the cross is the standard of God's eagerness to give. Join us all month long!

# **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5 + 19 - FALL 2023 CONNECT GROUPS**

Connect Groups meet all over the community this day! We would love for you to get plugged into a group and experience transformation through genuine relationships with other believers. Visit the Next Steps table for more information!

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### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9 - 7P - 9P - NIGHT TEN OF OUR **FALL SESSION OF GROWTH PHASES**

Join us for our tenth night of Growth Phases. We can't wait to see all the Lord will do in your life this session!

#### DID YOU KNOW YOU CAN GIVE VIA TEXT?

Just text any dollar amount to 84321 to give. You will follow a quick, self-quided setup process to tie your mobile phone to our church, your donor account, and a payment source. After that, donating is as easy as sending a text!

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2 - 5:30P - 9P -DOWNTOWN **WOODSTOCK CHRISTMAS JUBILEE AND PARADE OF LIGHTS**

Register at the Next Steps table now to serve our city at the annual Christmas Jubilee Festival and Parade of Lights in Downtown Woodstock. You can sign up to decorate our float, walk in the parade, or serve in various ways at our DP tent.

