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TODAY'S MESSAGE:

When Good Things Become God: Money

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Mark 10:17-23 (NIV)

¹⁷ As Jesus started on his way, a man ran up to him and fell on his knees before him. "Good teacher," he asked, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" ¹⁸ "Why do you call me good?" Jesus answered. "No one is good—except God alone. ¹⁹ You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder, you shall not commit adultery, you shall not steal, you shall not give false testimony, you shall not defraud, honor your father and mother.' " ²⁰ "Teacher," he declared, "all these I have kept since I was a boy." ²¹ Jesus looked at him and loved him. "One thing you lack," he said. "Go, sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me." ²² At this the man's face fell. He went away sad, because he had great wealth. ²³ Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it is for the rich to enter the kingdom of God!"

1 Timothy 6:9-10 (NIV)

⁹ Those who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. ¹⁰ 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.

1. Jealousy
2. Anxiety
3. Community
4. Generosity

2 Corinthians 8:8-9 (NIV)

⁸ I am not commanding you, but I want to test the sincerity of your love by comparing it with the earnestness of others. ⁹ For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich.

Colossians 3:1-4 (NIV)

¹ Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ² Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. ³ For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. ⁴ When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

Reflection Questions:

- 1) What thing in your life if you were to lose it could make you lose the will to live? Explain.
- 2) Idols are not bad things but good things that become ultimate things. What does it mean to make a good thing an ultimate thing? How is it that we make good things become ultimate things?
- 3) St. Augustine taught about disordered loves. We love things we should love in the wrong order. What are some examples of loving good things in the wrong order?
- 4) Why can it be difficult to see the idol of money/greed in ourselves?
- 5) What are some ways we can discern the idol of money/greed in ourselves? How have you seen this idol in your own life?
- 6) Idols cannot simply be removed, they need to be replaced. Why is this true? How do we replace idols in our life? How do we specifically replace the idol of greed? How have you worked on this in your life? (Read Colossians 3:1-4)



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