



Part 1: Think Right—Do Right

Big Idea

“Nobody is rich, but everybody knows somebody who is.” We all have our own ideas about what it takes to be considered “rich”. The Bible clearly teaches that the way a man “thinks” will determine what kind of man he will “become” (Proverbs 23:7). Most of our problems in life come from wrong thinking. The way we think about wealth and riches will determine the way we handle the resources that God has entrusted to us. We have been called to make a difference, but the difference we make will be greatly impacted by our thinking about money, possessions and the “things” of this life. If we desire to “be” a difference-maker in this life, then we have to reprogram our minds about our “stuff”.

“Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind.”

Romans 12:2

Discussion Questions

- What is it that makes us believe that people with more money and possessions are “happier” than those with less? Statistics actually indicate exactly the opposite to be true. Why do you think that is the case?
- The more Americans have, the less they give. What kind of thinking produces that kind of behavior? How will we need to think in order to become people characterized by generosity?
- Wealth can become a substitute for God. When you consider the “stuff” of this life in the light of your faith, where would you like for your heart to be with regard to those things? How can you use your possessions to assure that your heart goes there?

Next Steps

Take some time to identify three daily practices that can help you live with an “attitude of gratitude”. Write down those three practices, and review them each morning in your devotional time with God. Reflect on them at night before you go to sleep and assess how well you implemented them that day. Develop a plan for more effective implementation on the following day.

Prayer Focus

Enlist members of the group to lead the group in prayer for a life characterized by gratitude and generosity.

Leader Tip

Ask for testimonies concerning God’s ability to satisfy when wealth and possessions could not.