

Message Series: PRACTICAL ATHEIST

I BELIEVE IN GOD, BUT I TRUST IN MONEY

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PRACTICAL ATHEIST: SOMEONE WHO _____ IN GOD,
BUT _____ AS IF HE DOESN'T EXIST.

For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. Luke 12:34

- WE TRUST MONEY TO PROVIDE _____.
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- THE #1 COMPETITOR FOR OUR HEARTS IS _____.

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 Timothy 6: 10

"No servant can serve two masters. Either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and Money." Luke 16:13

TWO RICH MEN ENCOUNTER JESUS

Jesus answered, "If you want to be perfect, go, sell your possessions and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me." When the young man heard this, he went away sad, because he had great wealth. Matthew 19:21-22

But Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, "Look, Lord! Here and now I give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount." Luke 19:8

1) WHEN YOU FALL IN LOVE WITH JESUS YOU BECOME STRANGELY _____.

Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment.

1 Timothy 6:17-19

2) WHEN YOU FALL IN LOVE WITH JESUS, YOU BECOME IRRATIONALLY _____.

Out of the most severe trial, their overflowing joy and their extreme poverty welled up in rich generosity. For I testify that they gave as much as they were able, and even beyond their ability. 2 Corinthians 8:2-3

QUESTIONS FOR HEART GROUPS:

- 1) Practical atheists tend to trust money to provide happiness and/or security. Which is true for you and why?
- 2) When you grow closer to Christ, you become strangely content with what you have. As you drift from Christ, you become less content. Are you more or less content today than last year? What does this say about your relationship with Christ?
- 3) Jesus said it is more blessed to give than to receive. Describe a time you gave sacrificially and how it blessed you as the giver. How can you give even more sacrificially?



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