

# Life in the KINGDOM REVISITED

## Part 11: *Kingdoms of God and Stuff*

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*Digging Deeper* this week...

**BiG iDEa:** Jesus invites me to use my stuff for His kingdom purposes... not my own.

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Kingdoms. Governing institutions. Hidden powers. Personal agendas. Set aside some *time* throughout this week to read and reflect on what God's word says about His kingdom in contrast to our own. Some questions are provided for you or a small group of friends to provide focus for your reflection. Before your start: Breathe, pray, ask the Holy Spirit for help.

### Identify

What is one thing you treasure most in life and why?

### Read

*Scriptures to grow by...* 2 Chronicles 1:11-12; 1 Timothy 6:6-10, 17-19; Matthew 6:19-24; Luke 16:1-15; Ecclesiastes 5:10; Proverbs 22:1-9; Psalm 37:16-17; Hebrews 13:5; Colossians 3:1-4.

### Reflect

1. What words, phrases or ideas stand out to you from the Bible readings you read today? How do these passages help you think about what is or is not important to your sense of well-being and happiness?
2. How do these words, phrases or ideas connect with your everyday life? What do they lead you to think or to do?
3. Read Matthew 6:24. How do you respond to Jesus' statement: "*No one can serve two masters?*" Can you identify the truest master of your heart? What might Jesus want to say to you about this? What might you want to say to Him?

### Respond (*Soul-Work*)

*Moving forward...* Take some time to be alone with God. Read Colossians 3:1-4. As you reflect on the reading, think about the question: "If your heart were to be buried in the place you loved most during life, where would it be buried and why?" If you are willing, take time to ask Jesus how you might surrender your heart more fully to Him in the next week. Share your thoughts with a friend and ask for his/her prayers in your behalf.