



THE ELEPHANT IN THE ROOM

We all have "elephants in the room" – things we don't want to discuss or face. But leaving these "elephants" unaddressed won't lead us to a flourishing life. Today, we're tackling the topic of money. We all handle, make, save, and spend money. But we often find ourselves in the frustration of Romans 7:15, "For I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate." We don't understand why we can't get this area of our lives right. We don't know why we fight about money so much. We don't understand why our plan on paper doesn't seem to work out practically. Good news: God has much to say about our financial lives and how we can ultimately experience financial victory.

Warm Up:

1. What's something big or small that happened this week that you're thankful for?

Key Passage: 1 Timothy 6:6-10

Discussion Questions:

2. What would happen if you gave a kid a credit card and let them loose in a department store? On the other hand, what happens when someone tells a kid they can't have a toy they want? How can adults operate a lot like children when it comes to money?
3. What does it mean that money is a heart issue? Why are people less likely to ever admit to having a greed issue than any other issue?
4. What does Paul mean when he says that godliness with contentment is great gain? What does it mean to live a godly and content life? Describe an area of your life where you've grown in contentment. What challenges arise to test this area of contentment from time to time?
5. How can discontentment lead us to make poor financial decisions? What do we learn about the dangers of discontentment in verses 9-10? How have you experienced or seen this firsthand?
6. How does tithing serve as a guardrail for your heart regarding money? How is tithing a demonstration of faith? Would anyone be willing to share a testimony to the practice of tithing in your life? What have you learned on the journey?
7. How can the practice of tithing go on to influence how you steward the remaining portion of your income as well as the other parts of your life? Why does tithing/generosity require discipline and a plan?
8. What's one personal takeaway from today's study you can focus on this week?