

Going Deeper

1. What was the most helpful and the most difficult part of the message for you?
2. How does it make you feel that to some degree we've been manipulated by clever marketing to be the consumers that we are?
3. Where do you see this "assumption of consumption" at work in our lives? Where do you struggle with consumption?
4. How does being a manager vs. an owner of everything you have make a difference in how you consume and buy things?
5. How does thinking long-term vs. short-term about your money and possessions make a difference in how we buy and consume?
6. What's one way you can do more to make eternal friends by using your money and possessions?

Change Your Mind - Meditate

Making the effort to monitor the workings of our minds is the key to a transformed life! To meditate is to "give careful thought" about something. Meditate on this small portion of Scripture and invite God to change and transform the way you think about your money and possessions.

Luke 16:8 – *"...use worldly wealth to gain friends for yourselves..."*

Change Your Heart - Pray

Heavenly Father... All that I have is yours! You have given me life.... You have given me the ability to work and to earn an income. You have placed me in this place at this time, and I am so grateful! Forgive me for buying into the lie that I need more stuff to feel significant and to feel secure. Going forward, I need Your help to leverage what I have to make eternal friends. It's love that matters most! Going forward, I need Your help to be more generous and worry less about what I have or what others think about me because of what I have or what I wear or what I drive. Thank you for giving Your best when you gave Jesus... Help me to give my best! I want to be a faithful manager of all that You've blessed me with. Amen.