

# BACK IN THE BLACK

## FINDING FINANCIAL SANITY

### Finding Financial Sanity April 27/28, 2008

#### Small Group Warm Up

1. When you were growing up and got your allowance, were you a spend-it kid or a save-it kid?
2. What were you most likely to spend it on, or save up for?

#### Opening Prayer

#### Discussion

3. Pastor Mike's first point was **money is a tool and a test**. How have you found that to be true in life.
4. There were three don'ts and three do's given in the weekend message when it comes to our money. Which of these do you struggle with and which come easily for you?
  - **Don't love it**
  - **Don't trust it**
  - **Don't hoard it**
  - **Do use some to honor God**
  - **Do use some to pay yourself**
  - **Do use some to help others**

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"EastLake Church exists to help people find and follow Jesus Christ."

6. Who is the source of our wealth?

<sup>18</sup> *But remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you the ability to produce wealth* Deuteronomy 8:18a

7. What choice does Jesus extend to us in Luke 16:13? Can you think of any ways we might be tempted to choose money over God?

<sup>13</sup> *"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

8. We get a strong caution in I Timothy 6: 9-10. What are the dangers we risk when we pursue getting rich?

<sup>9</sup> *People who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge men into ruin and destruction.* <sup>10</sup> *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.* I Timothy 6: 9-10

9. Take a look at Proverbs 23: 4-5. What admonition do we receive?

<sup>4</sup> *Do not wear yourself out to get rich; have the wisdom to show restraint.* <sup>5</sup> *Cast but a glance at riches, and they are gone, for they will surely sprout wings and fly off to the sky like an eagle.* Proverbs 23: 4-5

9. What is the rule of thumb given in 2 Cor. 9: 6 when it comes to handling our wealth?

<sup>6</sup> *Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously.* 2 Cor. 9: 6

#### Action Step

10. What do you need to do today to make sure your financial life aligns with God's plan and purposes for you?

#### Close in Prayer