



Money and heart – what really counts

THE SERIES AT A GLANCE

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 3 meetings of 10–15 minutes

 Discovering from the Bible a healthy, generous attitude to money and possessions

 Preparation: 10 min

 **How to use the series:** Use one part in each of three meetings in a row. At the start, briefly recall the previous part.

1 Part 1: The rich farmer

Bible: Luke 12:15–21

Jesus warns: “Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions.” Then he tells of a farmer with a record harvest. He plans bigger barns and thinks: “Now I am set for life.” But God says: “You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?” Planning ahead is not wrong – but possessions can take over the heart.

 **Question:** Where do you feel pressure to have more and more?

 **Prayer:** *God, keep possessions from taking over my heart. Let me be rich in what counts before you. Amen.*



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2 Part 2: Two small coins

Bible: Mark 12:41–44

Jesus sits in the temple watching people put money into the offering box. Rich people give a lot. Then a poor widow comes and puts in two small coins. Jesus says: “She has put more in than all the others. They all gave out of their wealth; but she, out of her poverty, put in everything.” With God it is not the size of the amount that counts but the heart behind it.

 **Question:** What does generosity mean for you when you do not have much yourself?

 **Prayer:** *Jesus, you do not look at the amount but at the heart. Make me generous with what I have. Amen.*

3 Part 3: Giving cheerfully

Bible: 2 Corinthians 9:6–8

Paul is collecting money for the impoverished church in Jerusalem. He writes: “Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.” Giving is not a chore but a response to what God has given us. That applies to money, but also to time, talents and attention – in the scout group, in church, in the neighbourhood.

 **Question:** Who could you deliberately give something to this month – money, time or attention?

 **Prayer:** *God, you have given me so much. Make me a cheerful giver – with money, time and heart. Amen.*



For leaders

- Leave room for doubts and critical questions – an honest conversation matters more than a quick answer.
- As a leader, feel free to share a personal experience.