

IN GOD WE TRUST

PART 1: It's All In Your Mind

INTRODUCTION

For all of us, life is comprised of a variety of elements, important factors, and many moving parts that give our lives significance. Some of these provide us a sense of connection, others a sense of purpose, and so on. With so much diversity in our individual experiences and personalities, it can be difficult to assume from person to person which factors provide what significance in our lives. There is however, one thing that most of us share in common. Worry, particularly, worry over our finances. In the New Testament Gospels of the Holy Bible, Jesus speaks frequently and openly about this very subject. Without a doubt, there is a perspective of peace that Jesus felt was very important to present to all of His followers.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. In the last six months, have your personal finances, whether concerns for present needs or future needs, been among the top few things that have created in you anxiety, or even caused you to worry?
2. How would you go about determining for yourself which things present or desired in your life, are most responsible for your feeling of security and peace? Which thing would create the most anxiety of it were swiftly and indefinitely taken away?
3. **Read Matthew 6:19-34.** Do you feel like you are valuable to God? Are you confident that He is aware of and can provide for all of your needs? Do you worry sometimes that He won't?
4. Studies show that Americans on average give away 3% of their income to charitable deeds or organizations. That is for example, 3 pennies for every dollar that is earned. Does that seem very generous to you? What do you think is the main reason that people present for why they do not give more?
5. **Read Haggai 1:6.** Have you ever felt like, you know you worked hard, you made money, but you somehow cannot explain where it all went? Have you felt like your purse had holes in it? Did that make you want to give more or hold on more tightly to what you have?
6. **God's Promises: Read Luke 6:38, Malachi 3:10.** God invites us to trust Him with the provision of our financial needs by leaning into biblical giving principles for a chance? What would trusting God fully with your finances look like?

MOVING FORWARD

Join us at Journey or listen online to the continuation of James' message entitled "In God We Trust". Follow along with the conversation over the next 3 weeks. If you are not currently tithing at a local church consider taking part in the 180 Day Challenge with Journey!

CHANGING YOUR MIND

In a growing relationship with God, faith can be defined as whether or to what extent we trust God. *Your Heavenly Father can be trusted to provide for all of your needs.* As you consider the next frontiers for your growing relationship with God, what does trusting Him fully with your finances Him look like?