

(((UNDER PRESSURE)))

I THINK IT WILL GET WORSE BEFORE IT GETS BETTER

Our Adversary's Tools During Tough Times

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

Spiritual Disciplines for Financially Troubled Times

Matthew 6:19-34, pp. 807-808

1. _____ in God's _____ to meet your needs.
2. _____ God's blessings _____.
(2 Corinthians 9:6-7, p. 965)
3. _____ God's blessings _____.
(2 Corinthians 8:1-5, p. 954)
4. _____ God's blessings _____.
(Proverbs 6:6, p. 532; Matthew 6:19-20, p. 807)

LifeGroup Questions:

1. Can you remember a time when your family struggled financially when you were growing up? What were some of the key things that you remember about that time?

Read 2 Corinthians 8:1-5

2. Why do you think the Christians in Macedonia were so excited to share during such a difficult time for themselves?
3. What do you think they learned during this time? About themselves? About God? About generosity?

Read Matthew 6:19-24

Identify:

Two places to “store things”.

Two ways to “see things”

Two masters

4. Verse 25 begins with “Therefore” – why are the previous points so important?
5. What changes in your attitude towards giving and sharing do you want Jesus to bring to your life?
6. How could you make some very practical changes in your family to grow in your attitudes and practices of generosity?
7. What do you think will be the spiritual growth in your life if you practice a life of generosity even during difficult times?