

# MAKING CHANGE

*"The Purchase Driven Life: Till Debt Do We Part"*

Luke 12:13-21

## THE PURCHASE DRIVEN LIFE...

- 4 out of 5 owe more than they OWN
- By age 20 have seen 1 MILLION commercials
- Spends 6 hours shopping, 40 MINUTES playing
- Spends \$1.20 for every \$1.00 earned

*For some, the American dream is a nightmare!*

## PROBLEMS WITH THE PURCHASE DRIVEN LIFE

1. Often confuses net worth with SELF-WORTH  
*"You are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus"* Ephesians 2:10
2. Money problems are the #1 SOURCE OF CONFLICT
3. It creates the myth that money equals...

ACHIEVEMENT

FREEDOM

POWER

SECURITY

HAPPINESS

*POINT: People without money can have all of these!*

## MAKING CHANGE IN A PURCHASE DRIVEN LIFE CAN MEAN...

1. Families are blessed not BUSTED
2. Being able to SURVIVE TOUGH TIMES
3. Living with LESS STRESS
4. Giving our children a CHANCE
5. Experiencing the blessings of learning to HANDLE MONEY GOD'S WAY  
*"The wicked borrow and do not repay, but the righteous give graciously."* Psalm 37:21

## MAKING CHANGE STARTS WITH CHANGING OUR THINKING

*"...let God transform you...by changing the way you think"*  
Romans 12:2 (NLT)

1. God is the source of **ALL I HAVE**  
*"O Lord, wealth and honor come from you, you are the Ruler of all things"* 1 Chronicles 29:12  
*"Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father"* James 1:17
2. Money is not for **SPENDING**...you manage first
3. Never **KEEP** it all  
*"Honor God with the first fruits of all you earn"* Proverbs 3:9
4. Never **SPEND** it all  
*"The wise person saves for the future. But the foolish person spends all that he gets."* Proverbs 21:20
5. No **NEW DEBT**  
*"The borrower is the slave of the lender"* Proverbs 22:7
6. More money is **NOT THE SOLUTION**