

# JOE MILLIONAIRE

## WEEK 1 - JOE'S PRIORITIES

### GETTING STARTED – CONNECTING

- ✚ What would you do if you suddenly received one million dollars?
- ✚ What is your most prized possession?

### OPENING THE BIBLE – GROWING

#### Read Mark 13:32-37

- ✚ In this passage, Jesus likens His return to the owner of a house coming home. If we are the servants left in charge, what have we been left in charge of?
- ✚ Does this passage pertain to how we ought to view our finances? Why or why not?
- ✚ If you found out you had one year to live, how would it affect your financial activity?
- ✚ If you knew Jesus was returning in one year, how would it affect your financial activity?

#### Read Matthew 6:33

- ✚ What are these “other things” that Jesus is speaking about?
- ✚ If you were to make a decision to “seek first the kingdom of God,” how would you go about doing it?
- ✚ What kind of behaviors or attitudes would you most need to address?
- ✚ Is giving to God more of a spiritual issue or a monetary one? Why?
- ✚ What in the material world blinds us to the spiritual realities of God’s wisdom?

#### Read 1 John 2:15-17

- ✚ Do you think the world in general has gotten more or less materialistic in the last 20 years? Why?
- ✚ Has the Church (all followers of Christ) gotten more or less materialistic during that time? Why?
- ✚ According to what John writes, is worldliness characterized more by our external behavior or our internal attitudes?

Pastor Willy said that a material world-view leads us to believe money is a solution rather than a servant.

- ✚ In what ways does the world help to perpetuate this perception?
- ✚ What are some common deceptions you see from the advertising industry today?
- ✚ How can you learn to become more sensitive to these lies and resist their appeals?
- ✚ If someone had observed and ordered how you used your resources (money, time, energy, etc.) this past year, would that list more closely resemble the priorities of “the world” or “God’s wisdom”?
- ✚ What areas are your strengths? How do you make sure it takes its proper place on your list of priorities?
- ✚ Which areas would you like to improve in? How do you think you could best accomplish this?

### IN CONCLUSION - NEXT STEPS

- ✚ Pray for God to give you a heart for giving priorities in line with His.
- ✚ Make a list of five things you’ve seen lately that you “have to have.” Then list ten things that you already have and rarely, if ever, thank God for. Give Him thanks.
- ✚ Turn the TV off for one week to avoid the bombardment of “must-have” advertisements.<sup>1</sup>

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