

Jesus talked a lot about money.

- Why?
  - "Jesus said, 'Where your **TREASURE** is, there is your **HEART** also." Luke 12:34 NIV
  - How we handle <u>MONEY</u> is a great indication of our heart <u>CONDITION</u>.
  - "When money is in your possession, what you do with it screams loudly who you are." Dave Ramsey

First thing that Jesus did not say:

- "Money is evil!"

What does the Bible say?

"For the love of money is a <u>root of all kinds of evil.</u>" I Timothy 6:10

Why?

- Because, when we love **MONEY**, we have a tendency to **DO WHATEVER IT TAKES** to get more.
- He gives the <u>ABILITY</u> to produce <u>WEALTH</u>.
- "For it is He (God) who gives the ability to produce wealth." Deuteronomy 8:18

Second thing that Jesus did not say:

- "Only the poor will get to heaven!"

What did Jesus say?

- "Blessed are the poor **IN SPIRIT** for theirs is the **KINGDOM** of heaven." Matthew 5:3

Third thing that Jesus did not say:

- "If you are rich it is impossible for you to get into heaven!"

What DID Jesus say?

"Indeed, it is **EASIER** for a camel to go through the eye of the needle than it is for someone who is **<u>RICH</u>** to enter the Kingdom of God." Luke 18:25

How might I respond to these truths?

- Recognize that I AM <u>BLESSED</u> and that is <u>OKAY</u>!
- 2. Recognize that **<u>GOD</u>** gives me the ability to gain **<u>WEALTH</u>**.
- 3. Don't love MONEY, but love what it can do for the KINGDOM.
- 4. Recognize it all **<u>BELONGS</u>** to <u>GOD</u>.