

St Martins C3 – October 11, 2026

Faith and Finance – Not the Same

Sermon Notes:

Today, we are going to look at faith and finances, and be challenged to have a Christ-like perspective in how we deal with one of the trickiest areas in our life.

Read Luke 12:13–15

Take Off Greed

Here is your word of the day: Pleonexia. It is an unbridled concern for satisfying of one's own impulses with ruthless disregard for the rights of others. It is the strong desire to acquire more possessions, status, and recognition.

Read Luke 12:16-21

"I", "I", "I" says the man. He believes, "If I am wealthy and successful, then I'm going to be satisfied, secure, and in control of my life." Jesus point is that wealth can never provide the security and satisfaction we are looking for.

Take Off Worry

Read Luke 12:22-26

Money makes a great servant but a terrible master. When it becomes your master it throws all of its worries onto you.

Worry is the thief of contentment. Anxiety is a liar we believe will reward us, but it never does.

How do you know if money is your master? Jesus tells us here – the extent to which we *worry* about success and money is the extent to which we are ruled by them._

Put on Trust

Jesus says to replace greed and worry with a rich relationship with God, trusting that your Father already knows your needs.

Read Luke 12:27-32

If your trust is truly in Jesus, then he becomes your focus and he will provide – he will make a way for you in every season.

Put on Generosity

Read Luke 12:33-34

Jesus says he is not just talking about money and success. He is talking about our hearts. If your heart is turned towards yourself then you are not focussed on his kingdom – if your heart is turned towards generously helping others then you are living the life of heaven.

What does it look like to be “not the same” in regards to our finances? Get rid of greed and worry. Actively put on trust and generosity.

Questions for Connect Groups:

Key Point

Followers of Jesus reject greed and worry, and instead embrace trust in God and generosity.

Questions

What stood out to you from this week's message?

What does this message tell you about God and humans?

What areas of wanting more do you struggle with?

What worries you most about your finances?

What evidence is there that you control money rather than it controlling you?

- How much do you compare yourself to others who have more?
- How often do you worry about finances unnecessarily?

What does it look like to trust God more with your finances (without becoming lazy)?

What does it look like to be generous organisations, the church, and individuals?

If you were to increase your generosity, what is one way you would do it?

Monday Devotion: Be Different

This week ,we will read our sermon passage in context. Jesus begins by showing that His way of seeing the world is distinctly different from that of the Pharisees. We, too, can sneak into wrong ways of thinking, including with our finance.

Scripture

Luke 12:1-3

Observation (What stands out to you?)

Application (What will you do?)

Prayer (What do you want to say to God?)

Tuesday Devotion: Fear God

This is a new perspective. Jesus is saying that even if people do their worst to you, they still don't have ultimate control over your destiny. Who does? God. He is the one we should fear. We should not fear those who hold our debt or pay our wages. Our ultimate trust and reverence belong to God.

Scripture

Luke 12:4-5

Observation (What stands out to you?)

Application (What will you do?)

Prayer (What do you want to say to God?)

Wednesday Devotion: God Cares

What awesome words of care and love! The cheapest animal you could buy was a sparrow, and the reason you bought it was to sacrifice it. Yet God still cares deeply about each one. God cares even more about us, numbering the very hairs on our heads. If we are for Him, then He is for us.

Scripture

Luke 12:6-8

Observation (What stands out to you?)

Application (What will you do?)

Prayer (What do you want to say to God?)

Thursday Devotion: Live a Worthy Life

Blasphemy against the Holy Spirit probably refers to a total rejection of the testimony that the Spirit gives to Jesus and the plan of God. This is not so much a sin of the moment as of one's entire life, an obstinate rejection of God's message and testimony. That is not for us.

Scripture

Luke 12:9-12

Observation (What stands out to you?)

Application (What will you do?)

Prayer (What do you want to say to God?)

Friday Devotion: Live Consistently

Now we have seen the whole picture of Luke 12, we can see how these words about greed and trust fit together. Life is not always going to be easy – you will not necessarily thrive financially. Remember that you are loved and cared for. Be consistent, step forward in trust, and live for him.

Scripture

Luke 12:12-34

Observation (What stands out to you?)

Application (What will you do?)

Prayer (What do you want to say to God?)
