



# Perfect Peace

## Money Lies to a Divided Mind

Sermon Recap

### Conversation Starters:

- What is your view today as it relates to the pursuit of material possessions?
- How would you contrast and compare eternal riches to worldly riches?
- Pursuing the things that matter the most - what does that mean for you personally?

Ask your group members to share their favorite points from the sermon, what stood out to them, a phrase or moment from the sermon they related to the most, or questions they have. If your members have a hard time remembering, share your notes and favorite points.

### Reflect:

1.) Read [Isaiah 26:3](#) NLT and [Mark 4:19](#) NIV: Pastor Jason identified three money lies. Money will make me: **Secure** - [Hebrews 13:5-6](#), **Significant** - [Luke 12:15](#) NLT, and **Happy** - [Ecclesiastes 5:10](#) NLT.

Have these lies been proven true or false in your life? If yes how? If not, why not?

2.) Read [Proverbs 23:4](#) NIV, [Ecclesiastes 5:11](#) NLT: Pastor Jason shared five negative effects of always wanting more. More: **Fatigue**, [Proverbs 23:4](#) NIV, **Expense** - [Ecclesiastes 5:11](#) NLT, **Anxiety** [Ecclesiastes 5:12](#) GN, **Conflict** - [Proverbs 15:27](#) ICB, and **Dissatisfaction**, [Ecclesiastes 5:10](#) GN.

Share a practical truth or reason why each effect manifests true when we always want more.

What's your big takeaway from these negative effects? \_\_\_\_\_

3.) Read [Matthew 6:19-21](#) NIV: Pastor Jason shared three areas we can set our hearts upon to maintain perfect peace. Set your heart on: **Giving Not Getting** - [Acts 20:35](#) MSG, **True Riches** - [Luke 16:9-13](#) NKJV, and **Heaven** - [Colossians 3:1-2](#) NIV.

Why do these three areas in particular help us keep our heart rooted where it should be?

What Biblical truths do you obey to elevate heavenly riches over worldly riches?

How do you battle the selfishness and self-desires which is inherent to humanity?



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### Apply It:

Read [Matthew 6:21](#) NIV - Your treasure IS where your heart is. What does the evidence of your life show you're treasuring? Do you love money or do you love God? Pastor Jason said "there's nothing wrong with having money, as long as money doesn't have you." Does money have you? Has it become an idol and feverish pursuit? Are you concerned about your cause over the cause of Christ? We cannot serve God and money. We must choose. God favors and multiplies us so we can flourish in generosity not selfishness. Identify the true condition of you heart. Decide today to align yourself with God in generosity. Esteem others above self. Freely we have received. Seek out opportunities to give and give freely.

### Prayer Requests and Closing Prayer:

**Ask your group members if they have a prayer request. Write them down and continue to pray for them during the week.**

Father, division weakens and destroys while unity strengthens and restores. The safety, security, and sanctity of those You love is what really matters. Your concern is that none would be lost and that ALL would repent. Your Word says that Your disciples are known by their love. Love is not selfish. May we love You passionately and love others authentically. May we set ourselves aside and offer freely our time, talents, and treasures to serve Your purpose and plan. Order our steps Father God in unity with You. May we elevate Your desire and priorities over our own. May we serve You and others in truth - not self, money, or materialism, in Christ we pray, Amen.