

M O D E R N I D O L S

— Money Talks —

Idolatry is when I take anything that isn't God and put it in the place where God belongs.

Ice-Breaker:

- Be honest, at Christmas time, are you happier opening your gifts or watching others open the gifts you gave them? Describe your feelings.

Discussion:

1. Read Luke 12:15-21

- What is the main point Jesus is making in this passage?
- What are some of the “kinds of greed”?
- Of what does a person's life consist, since it does not consist of “an abundance of possessions”?

2. Read Phil 4:10-13

- Why is Paul rejoicing that his friends have given him gifts?
- What is the “secret of being content”?
- Why is it important to read this verse (and others) in context?

3. Read Malachi 3:10

- Why is it hard for us to want to trust God in our giving?

Personal Application:

- On a scale of 1 to 10, with 1 being greedy and 10 being generous, where do you place yourself? How do you feel about that?
- How do you feel about giving to the church? With the help of the Holy Spirit, pray to find out how you truly feel about it and why you take the approach you do to giving/tithing.
- What are some ways in which you could be more generous, starting this week? How will you act on this?
- In Matt. 6:25, Jesus tells us to trust in God to provide what we need. How good are you at this? How could you grow to trust God more?