# LESSON 4 · Money Has Value

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### I Timothy 6:17-19

Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life.

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### 2 Corinthians 9:6-8

In everything I did, I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the weak, remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'

## 1 Key Concepts

- · Money has value
- Teach the students about where our possessions come from.
- Teach the students how our possessions should be used.
- Teach the students what value is.

# **2** Teacher Preparation

• Be prepared to have the students write one paragraph on what being wealthy means to them.

### 3 Lesson

- What is your most prized possession?
  - Could you live without it?
  - What did you have to do to obtain it?
  - If nothing, what did someone else have to do to get it for you?
  - Why is this item so important to you?
- When you have something that is so important to you, you have given it real value.
  - Yes it cost something, but sometimes things can be more valuable to us because we love them so much.
  - We give them more value than they are worth.
  - Value is something that everything has.
- God has given us all of our possessions and each thing has value.
- God wants us to use our possessions wisely and to help those in need.
- God does not want us to value our possessions more than Him.
  - He doesn't want us to value money more than Him.
- I Timothy 6:17 says not to put your hope in wealth.
  - God wants us to put our hope in Him.

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### Lesson (continued)

- God gave us Jesus.
  - Jesus was God's most valuable gift and He gave Jesus to us to pay for our sins.
- God wants us to use our gifts wisely and to help those in need.
- Money can be used for good and our other possessions can also be used for good.
- 2 Corinthians 9:6-7 says, "Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work."
- · God will always give us what we need.
  - He wants us to use our gifts the way He intended them to be used.
  - God loves a cheerful giver.

### 4 Conclusion

Value is in everything. Some things have more value than others. God has given us all that we have. Everything is valuable and should be put to good use. Don't love money or possessions, but use what we have to help those in need.

# **5** Echo Prayer

Dear Lord,

Thank you for all of the possessions you have given us. Help us to not love our possessions more than we should. Help us to use our possessions the best way that we can.

Amen

### 6 Resources

- Bible
- Webster's Dictionary
- Rockwell, Thomas. How To Get Fabulously Rich
  In this story Billy wins a lot of money. Everyone wants money from him and in the end he wonders if it was worth winning it at all.

# Vocabulary

Wealth: valuable products, contents; much money or property

Value: the worth of a thing in money or goodsy

### 8 Activity

Have the children write a paragraph on what wealth means to them.