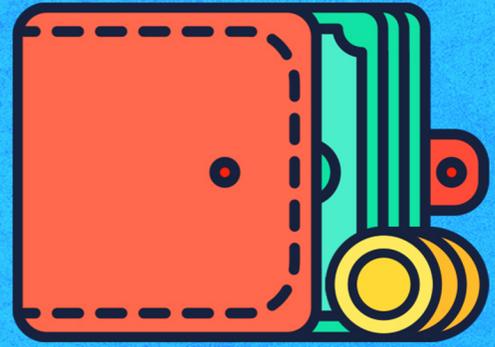


# DOLLARS & \$ENSE



## Part I: A Constant Worry

### Sermon Big Idea

Are you part of the 47% of Canadians who say money gives them extreme emotional stress? If you are, there is hope, but it's going to take some work to get there.

One of the first steps to take is to recognize our mindset about money, many of us have let worry take over and each day brings a new worry about our finances. But Jesus presents a different picture: We can have a perspective on money that doesn't cause us stress. That's what we're focusing on today. **Money can be a constant worry, but it doesn't have to be that way.**

### Discussion Questions

1. On a scale of 1 to 10, how stressed or worried are you about money on a regular day? (1 is not stressed at all, 10 is extremely stressed)
2. How often do you think about money in a day? Do you think this is more than you need to or less than you ought to?
3. How did you learn how to manage money? Was it through trial-and-error, or did someone sit you down to teach you? Or something else?
4. Read **Matthew 6:25-30**. Do you think it is possible to live in a way that you do not worry? What is Jesus' instruction to us in this?
5. Read **Matthew 6:31-34**. Jesus finishes this portion of teaching with an instruction to seek the Kingdom of God above all else. Why do you think Jesus presents this as the solution to worry?
6. Read **Matthew 6:24**. How could you move away from being enslaved by Money and toward Serving God?
7. What is something related to finances that you could be praying about on a daily basis? Pick one thing for yourself and one thing for someone else and commit to praying for these two things every day for a week.

### Scripture Passages

#### Matthew 6:25-34

During the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus tells the crowds following him that they should not worry about money. Instead, they need to reorder their priorities.

#### Matthew 6:24

Jesus tells the crowds that they cannot serve God and be enslaved to money.