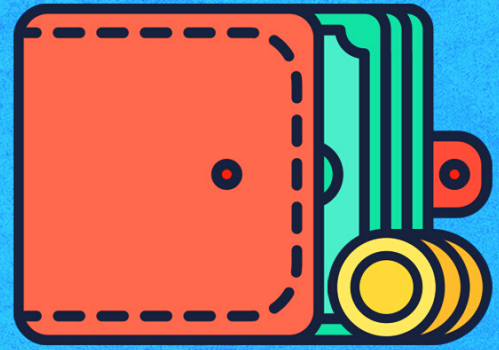# DOLLARS & $ENSE

Part 4: A Tool for Good

Sermon Big Idea

When you Live on Margin, it enables you to Live on Mission. You can have a bigger impact and legacy that caries forward into the future by choosing to be generous with what you have.

The Mission that Jesus gave us can be summed up simply as "Love God, Love Others, Make Disciples." This week, we talked about how this mission is funded, and how this makes a difference in the world.

Discussion Questions

1. **Recap:** Which of the first three perspectives (constant worry, endless pursuit, or management mystery,) is the most difficult for you? why?

2. Think of a time when you were the recipient of someone else's generosity? Maybe an unexpected gift or help in a time of need. How did this make you feel?

3. Have you ever thought about how Jesus' ministry and Paul's ministry were funded? Why is it important that God designed it so that people were empowering Jesus and Paul's ministries? (Luke 8:1-3 & Philippians 4:15-16)

4. How have you been taught about giving to the mission of God through the local church? If you grew up in the church, how did your parents model or teach this to you?

5. **Read 2 Corinthians 8:1-15, 9:6-15, and 1 Corinthians 16:1-2.** Make a list of all the advice that Paul is giving to the church about generosity in these verses. What does this tell us about the importance of money having an impact on God's Kingdom?

6. What is something you are choosing to do differently with money after this series to help you Live with Margin and Live on Mission?

Scripture Passages

Matthew 22:34-40
Jesus answers a question about the most important commandment.

Matthew 28:18-20
Jesus gave his disciples and the church the great commission.

Luke 8:1-3
Women funded Jesus' ministry and paid for his expenses.

Acts 18:1-3 and Philippians 4:15-16
Paul's ministry was a mix of self-funded and donation based.

Acts 20:35
Paul reminds the Ephesian Elders about Jesus' instructions about giving and blessing.