

SERMON NOTES

Questions for Personal Application and Small Group Discussion

Date: December 9, 2018

Series: Advent Conspiracy

Title: Spend Less

Text: Selected Scriptures

Big Idea: Spending less doesn't mean spending nothing. Rather, it means biblically evaluating how much you spend, what motives drive your spending, and how others are affected by it.

DISCUSS THE ISSUE

It may be argued that the fastest growing religion in the world is consumerism. In what ways do you get caught up in the distraction of “needing more.”

Consider all the holiday advertisements you’re exposed to. How can you become more aware and less susceptible to messages that say our lives are lacking something?

EXPLORE THE TRUTH

Read Matthew 6:19-24. Where did Jesus urge his followers not to store up treasures?

Why does Jesus discourage stockpiling earthly treasures?

Where does Jesus encourage us to invest? Why? How can we practically do this?

What does the location of a person’s treasure say about that person’s heart?

What analogy does Jesus make in vs. 22-23? How does this relate to his discussion of where one stores up their treasure?

What did Jesus say about serving two masters? What two masters did Jesus mention, and why did he choose these?

UNWRAP THE MEANING

More than just a way to say no to overspending, Advent Conspiracy is an invitation to a new way of celebrating Christmas. What are some ways that you can use AC as an opportunity to teach your family and friends about contentment and storing up treasure in heaven.

Spending less doesn’t mean spending nothing. Rather, it means biblically evaluating how much you spend, what motives drive your spending, and how others are affected by it. What conclusions have you come to as you think about your spending this Christmas? How is it practically going to work for you and your family?