

# BEYOND SUNDAY

## A SERMON APPLICATION GUIDE

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This guide is designed to offer a simple tool for those wanting to take the next step with Sunday's message. You can print this guide to study on your own, or use it in a group and experience transformation together.

### MESSAGE THEME & PRAYER FOCUS

#### Heart for the Kingdom - Driven by Eternity

"Father God, I recognize your goodness, faithfulness, and overwhelming love for me. Help me to recognize, even in the tough moments, that you want what's best for me. Thank you for blessing me with your eternal life today so that I can walk in all that you have for me, living life in your abundance. Soften my heart to receive the truth in this message and give me eyes to see how you're laying out the path for me to follow, in Jesus' name. Amen!"

### KEY CONCEPTS/TRUTHS

Solomon, the wisest man in history, went after pleasure and had everything that he could ever want from wives to money and life accomplishments, but he ultimately called it meaningless. He realized looking for satisfaction in things of the world like money, relationships, sex, drugs, careers, simply would not fulfill his life.

Solomon's Words of Wisdom (from Ecclesiastes)

- Whoever loves money never has enough, and the more that we have the more we want.
- The more you have, the harder others will try to come after it.
- The more you have, the more you have to worry about.
- The more you have, the more you have to lose or leave behind.

- The more you have, the more you can hurt yourself and others by holding onto it.

The deceitfulness of riches tells us that in order to be happy we just need more, but our life does not consist in the abundance of the things that we possess. A life devoted to “things” is a dead life, while a life submitted to God is like a flourishing tree.

God meets all of our needs, and will take care of us out of His abundance in exactly the way that we need, even when things seem dark. When we’re in the will of God, we will have peace.

Taking something temporary, like money, and sowing it into the Kingdom of God makes it eternal. We can accomplish so much for the Kingdom as a result of using the money that He blesses us with.

Every time we give, we receive. It might not come back in the way we think it will, but God gives back to us. Giving isn't always convenient, but it's a sacrifice of obedience and it is well pleasing to God.

Every time a blessing comes into our hands, some of it is for us and some of it is for others. When we give something, it leaves our hands, but it never leaves our lives because it allows God room to bless us even greater in things even bigger than our finances.

### **Key Verses:**

**1 Kings 3:4-5 • 1 Kings 10-13 • Ecclesiastes 2:1-14 • Ecclesiastes 5:13-16 • Ecclesiastes 11:1 • Proverbs 3:9-10 • Proverbs 11:24 • Matthew 6:19-20 • Philippians 4:15-19**

## **DAILY APPLICATION**

Earthly things and desires make for terrible foundations in life. When our trust is placed in anything other than God, we quickly find out how unstable of a foundation those things really are. But how do we wake ourselves up to see it, and how do we reverse it when we sense it happening in our lives?

We overcome evil with good. Before we ever have to reverse selfishness and greed, we can begin to give generously of what we have. Before we realize our identity has become wrapped up in the things of this world and our accomplishments, we can seek out who God says we are. Before we ever have to turn around and back track in life, we can start plotting a course in the right direction—Christ. We don't have to wait until we've made mistakes to realize that God has something beautiful planned for us as we walk in his will, especially when it comes to finances and building His Kingdom.

When it comes to giving, a great place to start is to go to the Lord and see what He is putting on our heart for the season we are currently in. Through prayer, we can ask God what it looks like for us to give obediently. When we give obediently of our time, finances, skills, or whatever God has blessed us with, we break the power that greed and the devil have over the things in our lives. When we break that power, we can live free to fulfill our purpose and be who God created us to be. Through telling our stories, sharing generously, and using our gifts we will touch other people's lives and build the Kingdom.

## THIS WEEK'S DECLARATIONS

"I believe that God is the God of exceedingly abundantly more and I put my trust in Him, not in my finances or the things I try to control in my life. I know that He delights in my successes, that I am blessed to be a blessing. I dedicate everything that I receive to the Lord, blessing others as He calls me to. I give all of the glory to God for the things that I have, and I use them to honor Him in everything that I do. I reprioritize my life to the Kingdom and the desires that He places in my heart. Even when giving isn't easy, I live a generous lifestyle impacting others for Christ and building His Kingdom, in Jesus' name."

## WHAT'S NEXT?

Now it's time to write down anything that the Lord has spoken to you. Praise Him, Thank Him and ask the Holy Spirit to help you walk this out.



*If hearing God or anything mentioned in this study is new to you then we invite you to take the Next Step.  
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