

# 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

#### The Purpose of Blessing

"Father God, I am so thankful for your constant love and pursuit of me, your desire to walk with me, and bless me. I long to know more of your heart and reflect you. Show me what I need to see in this message and help me to reflect that truth in all I say and do, in Jesus' name. Amen."

### KEY CONCEPTS/TRUTHS

Jesus talks, in the book of Mark, about the deceitfulness of riches and how it can choke God's word in our lives. Money can buy us anything but happiness and purpose. It can get us anywhere but heaven.

While Solomon was writing the book of Ecclesiastes, he was looking at everything from a worldly perspective and thought that money would solve all of his problems. He went on to write that he was not satisfied by earthly possessions.

Money's power is extremely limited and very deceitful. It can't heal a broken heart, buy time, health, or joy. We know that money isn't evil, but the love of it is. It's a magnifier of what is already in our hearts.

Almost half of Jesus' parables concern money and possessions because He knew it was something that all of us needed, but money is the number one false god. Money says 'you'll be somebody, and this will make you happy. Jesus says, "you can lay up for yourselves today, treasures in heaven."

The currency we use on Earth does not transfer to heaven. What we are going to take with us is nothing, except that which we have sent ahead, and we do this by sowing our money into God's Kingdom.

What we have doesn't really belong to us because everything, ultimately, belongs to God. We have the opportunity to be stewards of God's possessions, do things, and partner with what He wants to be done on this Earth. The blessing this brings is not just in this life, but affects our eternal life as well.

The Sea of Galilee is full of life and flows into the Dead Sea. With nothing flowing out of the Dead Sea, it can't contain life. This is a perfect picture of how we are to be as Christians. When we give, we'll see life in us.

### **Key Verses:**

**Ecclesiastes 10:19 • 1 Timothy 6:9-10 • Matthew 16: 26 • Luke 16:12 • Matthew 6:19-21**

## **DAILY APPLICATION**

Every time something comes into our hands, part of it is for us, and part of it is for others. God tests us with this to see what we are going to do with what He gives us. We can't serve God and money, but we can serve God with our money. The Bible tells us when we serve God, we are laying up treasures in Heaven.

Sometimes giving doesn't come naturally, but understanding the importance of it can make it easier. Giving doesn't only refer to a transaction of finances. Giving has to do with where our heart is concerning everything that we have, whether related to skill, assets, time, or money. Take time each day this week to thank God by specifically naming things He has given to you. Then, see if there are any of those things that you are able to share, donate, give, or bless others with for God's glory. Praise God for what He has done by continuing the blessing and praising Him.

## **THIS WEEK'S DECLARATIONS**

"I choose to keep God at the center of my generosity. I will not be swayed by the desire for earthly possessions. I know that everything is ultimately God's and I honor Him by seeking Him first in all of it. When He calls me to give, I give. When He calls me to love, I love. When He calls me to sow, I sow. I know that living God's way results in joy, providence, health, and long life. I thank God for all that He has blessed me with and I will continue to use it to be a blessing to the world around me for God's glory, 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.