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NORTH METRO CHURCH

NMC SERMON SERIES CONTENT



A I R P L A N E
M O D E

PRACTICING SPIRITUAL DISCIPLINES

“Airplane Mode” series overview:

This series uncovers some of the heaviest baggage we carry and invites us to exchange it for the peace Jesus offers. We learn that our luggage is often filled with emotions we might be unaware we feel, but God invites us to release the burdens and trust him to restore our brokenness and help us experience the freedom he offers.

“AIRPLANE MODE”, WEEK 4



Discussion Questions:

When most people think of the 10 Commandments, they see them simply as rules to follow. They can also be viewed through the lens of a caring Father who is loving His kids well. What can we learn about the character and nature of our Heavenly Father (and how much He loves us) through the 10 Commandments?

Read Matthew 6:19-24 & Read Matthew 25:14-30

Why do you think Jesus taught more about money than He did on faith or prayer?

Has your view on giving vs. receiving changed over the years? Explain.

Why are we as people so prone to trust money rather than God?

Why do you think money is an area that so frequently causes people trouble in life and relationships?

What is the difference between healthy and unhealthy consuming and hoarding?

What is the difference between our hearts following our treasure and our treasure following our hearts?
What could be the danger in getting this backwards?

Giving is a reminder that we are to be good managers of what God has blessed us with. What happens when we start acting like “owners” instead of “managers”?

Read 2 Corinthians 9:6-7

Have you ever given reluctantly or out of guilt? Why isn't God interested in this kind of giving? What is the connection between our hearts and our giving?

Has giving been a way of praising and worshiping God for you personally? Why or why not? If so, how has it brought you closer to God?

What types of blessings have you seen come from tithing? Why do you think God says to test Him in this? Have you tested Him in this? What have been the results?

How can you apply what you have learned from this discussion into to your life today?

How can the group pray for you?

You Need A Plan

In order to get the most out of this message, below are some optional activities you might consider doing this week. These are designed to help you trust God more and more with your money.

1. Give something away this week. Set a certain amount of money aside this week to give to someone else. The amount can be anything from \$1 to \$100 or more. Take that money and pray about it. Ask God to show you who He wants you to give the money to. God may direct you to give the money to a complete stranger such as a waiter or waitress at a restaurant, a delivery person, a family in need, or a cashier at a store. He may direct you to give it to a co-worker, friend or relative. Try to stay anonymous, giving as a steward on behalf the one who truly owns it all.

2. Consistently tithe for three months. In Malachi 3:10 God says “Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this,” says the LORD Almighty, “and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it.” This is the only time where God asks us to test Him. So, if you are not consistently tithing, try it. Commit to tithe 10 percent of your income over the next three months. During that time, ask God to help you be very aware of how He uses

your giving to change your heart and relationship with Him. Here are some suggestions you may want to use for your time with God this week:

Day 1:

Read Deuteronomy 26:12 and Malachi 3:10-11. Pray and thank God for the opportunities to give back to Him.

Day 2:

Read Genesis 1:27. Ask God for opportunities to give to others in need. Ask God to help you to become the giver He has called you to be.

Day 3:

Read Psalm 24:1. Thank God for all He has given you. Commit to being a better manager of all He has given you in terms of family, health, finances and other blessings.

Day 4:

Read 2 Corinthians 9:7. Pray and ask God to give you the heart of a cheerful giver. Commit to God that your giving will be an act of worship. Praise Him during your time of prayer.

Day 5:

Read Malachi 3:8. Pray for God's strength, protection and wisdom in battling the attacks of the enemy on you personally and those around you.