

TAKING IT HOME

8. Does God measure you by how much you give to the church? Do people measure you by how much you spend on your house and furnishings, your car, your wardrobe, your entertainment? And whose opinion do you value most?

9. How simply do you want to live? What is easy to give up? What is difficult to give up?

10. Will you take time to budget your resources in the coming weeks?

PRAYER GUIDE

Praise & Thanksgiving:

Linda Cook's Daughter- vision restored
Success of Verona Crop Walk: over \$1500 raised by SR and a total of \$8939 for Verona.

Pray for healing:

Dan Day, recovery from laparoscopic knee surgery
Diane Lukas at home

Pray for:

Safety for our troops abroad
Comfort for the many families who have suffered the loss of loved ones in the war or in terrorist bombings this month
Stability and peace in Iraq, Afghanistan and Pakistan
Each week we pray for a UMC from our district, this week: Mt. Zion ,
their pastor Maribel Celiz and the 194 members.
Adult mission trip to Mississippi Nov 7-15
Contentment and simplicity in our lives

Sugar River United Methodist Church SERMON OUTLINE for Sunday, November 1, 2009

Enough: Discovering Joy Through Simplicity and Generosity

"Wisdom and Finance"

Worship Series Resource: Adam Hamilton, UMCOR, KS

Text: Proverbs 21:5, 20

Pastor Gary Holmes

1. Where Did All The Money Go?

Impulse buying

Eating out

2. Clarifying Our Relationship with Money and Possessions

A. Be Clear About Your Purpose and Calling

B. Set Worthy Goals

3. The Discipline of Managing Your Money

A. The Necessity of a Budget/Spending Plan

B. Six Financial Planning Principles

1. Pay your tithe and offering first
2. Create a budget and track your expenses
3. Simplify your lifestyle (live below your means)
4. Establish an emergency fund
5. Pay off your credit debts
6. Practice long-term savings and investing habits

GROWTH GUIDE – Sugar River UMC

For the week of November 1, 2009

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

1. If you won a \$10 Million lottery (assuming you would do such a things as purchase a ticket), how would you handle your winnings? How would it change your life?

2. Have you ever been unemployed? How did you survive? How did you cope with it?

3. How secure do you feel economically/financially? So what do you do about it?

DIGGING DEEPER

4. The name of the book and the sermon series is "Enough". Why do you think you don't have enough? Where did it all go?

5. Why do you spend so much on yourself? Are you sure you know the difference between what you need and what you want?

Proverbs 21:5 (NIV)

The plans of the diligent lead to profit as surely as haste leads to poverty.

Proverbs 21:20

20 In the house of the wise are stores of choice food and oil, but a foolish man devours all he has.

6. Most of the Proverbs are attributed to Solomon. But he had more than enough of everything imaginable. So can we believe him? Did he get rich by living by this wisdom, or because he was king?

7. Here is a supposed anecdote from one of the richest men in American history, John D. Rockefeller. He was asked, "What is enough?" Rockefeller's reply: "Just a little bit more."

How is this view on possessions different from Solomon?

8. How might this quote help us understand Rockefeller's view differently:

"God gave me my money. I believe the power to make money is a gift from God. to be developed and used to the best of our ability for the good of mankind. Having been endowed with the gift I possess, I believe it is my duty to make money and still more money and to use the money I make for the good of my fellow man according to the dictates of my conscience."

