

# FENCES

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*"THE FINANCE FENCE"*

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FENCES IN OUR FINANCES PROTECT OUR INVESTMENTS FOR ETERNITY

## The Repeats (required)

They are the same, but *WE* change, so please discuss these with your group

- [Share the announcements (on FB thread) with your group]
- God is ALWAYS working! Sometimes we just need to keep our "antennae up", to be looking for it. Go around your group and share your God Moments of how you have seen God working, either in your life or in the life of another over the past week.
- Is there anything that you want to share that has stood out to you so far from the current Point series?

## The Review (optional)

Use this section only if you want to review for those who were not in the Point

- Have someone explain the Point in their own words.\*
- What object lesson or illustration was used to communicate the Point this week? How did this apply to the Point?\*
- Have someone read or summarize the main Bible passage/story from the Point (see "The References" section).
- How did this Bible passage teach the Point?\*

*\*someone who was in the Point may need to explain this*



## The Reenergizer (optional)

Use this question if you need to get your group talking

- Would you rather have X-ray vision OR always be able to see into the future by 2 minutes?

## The Reflection (required)

Discuss these to go deeper, *and more personal*, into applying the Point

- **Read Matthew 6:19-25.** This passage makes six comparisons between things that matter and things that don't? Using the following verses as a guide, discuss what matters in each comparison & why:
  - 19@20; 21a@21b; 22@23; 24a@24a; 24b@24b; 25a@25b
- Why is it so easy to lose our perspective when it comes to money?
- Often we can tell if our perspective is in the right place by the things we say. Read each of the following and discuss practical ways that we could build a "fence" to protect us from that fouled-up focus:
  - "Once I have enough..."  
- *Your Goal is Your Security: Luke 12:15-21*
  - "Here's what I need to do..."  
- *Your Plan is Your Priority: Luke 12:29-34*
  - "I need a bigger/newer/nicer..."  
- *You're Discontent w/ Your Provision: 1 Timothy 6:6-10*
  - "What have you done?!?!?"  
- *Your Possessions Replace Your People: James 5:1-6*
  - "I can't afford that right now..."  
- *Your Giving is Based on Your Budget: 2 Corinthians 8:1-3*
- Have you heard yourself say one these phrases recently? **Read 1 Timothy 6:10** again. Is it time to take a hard look at your own fouled-up focus and make changes? Be vulnerable and share with your group: what "fence" is God asking you to build? Pray for each other.

## The References

Main Passage: **Matthew 6:19-25 (NLT)** \*selected verses, read full passage in Bible

Don't store up treasures here on earth, where moths eat them and rust destroys them, and where thieves break in and steal. Store your treasures in heaven, where moths and rust cannot destroy, and thieves do not break in and steal. Wherever your treasure is, there the desires of your heart will also be...

**Luke 12:15-21 (NLT)** \*selected verses, read full passage in Bible

...Then I'll have room enough to store all my wheat and other goods. And I'll sit back and say to myself, "My friend, you have enough stored away for years to come. Now take it easy! Eat, drink, and be merry!"" ...

**Luke 12:29-34 (NLT)** \*selected verses, read full passage in Bible

...Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and he will give you everything you need...

**1 Timothy 6:6-10 (NIV)** \*selected verses, read full passage in Bible

But godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that... Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.

**James 5:1-6 (NLT)** \*selected verses, read full passage in Bible

...Listen! Hear the cries of the field workers whom you have cheated of their pay... You have spent your years on earth in luxury, satisfying your every desire. You have fattened yourselves for the day of slaughter. You have condemned and killed innocent people, who do not resist you.

**2 Corinthians 8:1-3 (NLT)** \*selected verses, read full passage in Bible

...For I can testify that they gave not only what they could afford, but far more. And they did it of their own free will.