

Deep Water – Part 2
“Set the Clock to the Right Time!”
November 3-4, 2018

Intro:

- East Location – Name Change & Big Vision for the East Stuff!

- Pray with us about who God has to Lead this Location into the Future!

- This is Part 2 of our series “Deep Water” & throughout the weeks of this series, we are talking about Personal Finances & how you & I honor God with our money!!!

- Last week we talked about how God calls us into Deeper Trust in Him by calling us out into Deep Water in our Finances.

- We talked about how Finances aren’t neutral, they are actually very spiritual &

- In fact, honoring God with our finances invites the Supernatural Power & Presence of God over our lives like nothing else can!!!

- This week, the title of my message is, “Set the Clock to the Right Time!”

- (Turn to somebody & say...)

- KITCHEN CLOCK LOSING TIME ILL.

- We changed the battery like 6 times in 4 months...

- I kept threatening to throw the thing in the lake behind our house!!!

- B/c it was making us all 10 minutes late to everything!!!
- Here's why: B/c Nothing will be right, if the clock is wrong!!!
- If a clock is set to the wrong time, everything else in our world will be off!
- APPLE IPHONE GUY - I would argue that the Most Important person in the world is the guy who sets the Clock on the iPhone!!!
- Jesus had some things to say about this idea... & that's what I want us to look at this weekend...

Luke 12:29-30 "And do not set your heart on what you will eat or drink; do not worry about it. For the pagan world runs after all such things, and your Father knows that you need them.

v. 31-32 "But seek his kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well. "Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom."

- Jesus is talking about "Money & Possessions."
- & He is saying that, "The world we live in runs on & runs after stuff & possessions!!!
- IOW, they have "set their clocks" to something different than God's Time!!!
- Their "clocks" are set to the wrong time & things!!!
- They are motivated & "run on" the wrong set of values & priorities & focuses!!!

- He is saying to His children, “There’s nothing wrong with possessions & stuff, but don’t “Set your Clock” to them!!!”

- See, NLC, the key question for us this weekend centers around this,

“Have we Set. Our. Hearts on stuff or on God?”

- B/c the minute we Set Our Hearts, like setting a watch or a clock, then we will move & function based on that time, not on God’s watch or clock!!!

v. 30 “For the pagan world runs after all such things, and your Father knows that you need them.”

- Look at the promise for us!!!

- Our Father knows what we need!!!

A Few Big Ideas this Weekend:

1. Our Father knows what we NEED.

A. AND... Our Father knows when our Heart has an UNHEALTHY NEED for them.

B. God will do a work in us & around us to make sure that our “NEED” for things doesn’t trump our “NEED” for HIM!!!

- God’s ultimate aim is for us to NEED HIM, not NEED THINGS!!!

C. ? Ever had an UNHEALTHY OBSESSION with Something???

- WANTING TECHMO BOWL FOR NINTENDO SO BAD AT

XMAS

- My buddy & I wer obsessed w/ it!!!
- We literally called each other as soon as we were done opening presents to let each other know we got it!!!

D. MIP: God doesn't want us to "Need" any "THING" as much as we Need HIM!!!

- God isn't after our money... He's after our heart!!!
- He will use money & stuff to "test" our hearts...

2. Many of us have a Faulty Belief about Ourselves. (when it comes to Money & Things.)

A. We Believe we are Poor!!!

- It's known as a "Poverty or Scarcity Mentality."

B. The end result of that belief is a striving for Stuff & Money & Security to PROVE that we are NOT Poor!

- The problem is... There is Never Enough, b/c we are pouring Money & Stuff at a Spiritual Hole in our Heart.

- Natural Things can never fill a Spiritual Hole!!!

C. ILLs: When we have this mindset we say & believe "If we / then we..." statements...

- If we had more zeros in our paycheck, then we...
- If we drove _____, then we...
- If we lived here, then we...
- If we vacationed like this, then we...

- If we wore this, then we...
- If my kids went to this college, then we...
- If my retirement account had this amount, then we...

D. Or... We Believe that our “Stuff” makes us Something.

- These are “Since we / Then we...” statements.
- Since we make “x”, then we must be...
- Since we drive ____,
- Since we live here ____,
- Since we vacationed like this ____
- Since we wear or carry this brand...
- Since our kids went to this college...
- Since our Retirement Account has this many 00’s, then we...

D. ? Do you see how 1 is fueled by Insecurity & the other is fueled by Pride???

E. MIP: God doesn’t want our Identity to be in What we wear, or have, or make... or in what we DON’T have, or wear or make...

- He wants our Identity to be in HIM!!!

3. Our job is to Seek His Kingdom FIRST!!!

v. 31 “But seek his kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well.”

A. That’s where our Identity is supposed to come from!!

- I’m a Child of God. Period!!!

- Sure, I have some stuff, but who cares!!!

- None of that fills me up, b/c I know who I am in Christ first!

- Now, I can just enjoy the stuff He's given me out of His good pleasure!!!

B. MWK ILL – I used to think that stuff made me somebody, but now, I know that that stuff is just stuff!!!

- Do I like shirts? Sure! Do I care? Nope! (I like shirts-on-sale!)

- Do I like shoes? Sure! Do I care? Nope!

- Do I like stuff? Sure! But not more than I like being apart of the Father's Kingdom!!!

C. MIP: This is such a good test for us, isn't it?

- ? Do I love any "thing" more than I love "God's Kingdom" & what my Heavenly Father is doing on the earth today???

4. When we get this right, it pleases God.

v. 32 "Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom."

A. God has a Kingdom that He wants to give to US!!!

- It's not a Kingdom like the world defines kingdoms...

- With Zeros, & Dollar signs, & name brands, & labels & property deeds & stock symbols...

- (although again, there's nothing wrong with that...)

- It's a Kingdom where the Return on Investment (ROI) is measured in

SOULS!!!

B. JOHN MAXWELL'S TEXT TO ME ILL.

- We support Equip...
- Show 1,000 Police Offices PICTURE
- "Thanks for Loving what I love..."

C. When we are a part of God's Kingdom, it pleases the Father!!!

5. God wants us More Concerned about Storing Up Treasures in Heaven than stuff here on earth.

v. 33 "Sell your possessions and give to the poor. Provide purses for yourselves that will not wear out, a treasure in heaven that will never fail, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys."

Here's why:

v. 34 "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

*** At the end of the day, God wants our heart, not our stuff!!!**

**- God's supreme goal in all things is the Heart of Man!
- So He is constantly working in our lives so we will surrender more of our Heart to Him!!!**

- God has designed us, as humans, that wherever our treasure is, our heart will follow that.

- & that is why its so important for us to Put God 1st Financially & to be a KBer & give above & beyond!

- And live a generous lifestyle!!!

- And not just impulsive, emotionally reactive giving, but planned, strategic, & disciplined giving.

- B/c our giving is SO CONNECTED to our heart!!!

- When we “Set our Clock” to God’s time, our Heart will be right forever!!!

Action Steps:

1. Have you Put God first with the Tithe?

2. Are you Automating what is Important?

3. Are you Strategically Generous?

- Not just emotionally responsive, or impulsive or flippant?

- The Difference between giving to Kingdom Work & Kingdom Causes us the Eternal Component Attached!!!

- I am all for Relief Causes, Humanitarian aid, etc.

- But the power of the Local Church, is:

1) It’s God’s Plan A!!!

2) It has an eternal component attached to it!!!

- Nothing that we support as a church doesn’t have a soul-transforming component to it!!!

PRAY

