



## Growth Group Homework and Discussion Questions

For the Week of January 17-23, 2010  
*"Overcoming the Poverty of Spirit"*

### Homework:

Before your Growth Group meets, take about 20 minutes on your own to complete the following...

- Read Luke 12:13-34
- Try to summarize what Jesus is saying about money and possessions from this passage.
- How does your view of money and possessions compare to Jesus' view?
- If your view is different from Jesus' in any way, why do you think that is?

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### Growth Group Discussion Questions:

The following questions are to be discussed when your Growth Group meets this week.

**My Story:** Complete the following statement: "2010 looks better to me than 2009 because..."

### Digging Deeper:

Read Deuteronomy 28:1-14

- What does this passage tell you about God's nature?
- Does this passage mention any conditions to receiving God's blessings?

Read Matthew 6:33

- Look at the context (surrounding verses) to this verse. What does the context tell you about what Jesus had in mind when He said, "And all these things will be given to you as well?"
- What impact does "seeking first the kingdom of God" have on a person's money and possessions? How are we to put God first in the financial area of our lives?

Read Luke 14:12-14; Luke 16:10-11; and Deuteronomy 24:19-21

- What do these passages tell us about the purpose for which God blesses us materially?

- What are some indications that a person is being trustworthy with material blessings?

### **Living It:**

Read Proverbs 3:9-10

- Do you consider yourself to be a generous person? What are some ways that you practice generosity?
- How do you need to become more generous with your life and possessions?
- Pastor Larry gave three practical action steps – simplify your possessions or expenses; sell something of value for God’s purposes; and serve the poor and broken to better align with God’s heart. What step might God be speaking to you to take in order to become a more generous person?