

## Message Notes

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The Way of Jesus  
Become All Flame | Mark 10:17-31  
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- ◆ We're spending \_\_\_\_\_ with Jesus learning to \_\_\_\_\_ the way of Jesus.
- ◆ For Jesus, the answer to living \_\_\_\_\_ and living \_\_\_\_\_ turns out to be the same.
- ◆ Some people use religion to assuage their \_\_\_\_\_, others use religion to \_\_\_\_\_ their goodness.
- ◆ We're never going to \_\_\_\_\_ by Jesus' way of life until we come to believe that Jesus is \_\_\_\_\_ than a good teacher.
- ◆ Eternal \_\_\_\_\_ doesn't come from what you do, it's who you know.
- ◆ To the one who is \_\_\_\_\_, generosity is a burden. To Jesus, riches are the \_\_\_\_\_.
- ◆ When we live \_\_\_\_\_ to the way of Jesus, we experience the future blessing of his \_\_\_\_\_ breaking in to the present.

## Personal Kingdom Economic Practices

These 3 practices are historic, biblical, and fit the way of Jesus. They will look different for every follower of Jesus, but every apprentice to Jesus must wrestle with them and discern how to surrender in these areas to Jesus' invitation. Also, these personal practices don't negate the need for just social structures, as ethicist Paul Ramsey writes, "Christian love is always in search of a social policy." These are good categories to start thinking about how we as individuals can live the money-ethic of Jesus with our personal resources, and they align with our church value of being Whole-Life Stewards. We are all in different seasons of life and stages of apprenticeship to Jesus and need to discern what He's calling us into.

- **Generosity** | To give materially to those in need, to empower others through shared resources, laying aside the privileges and rights of exclusive ownership.
- **Hospitality** | To welcome and incorporate others into spaces and relationships of intimacy, to share our lives and open our doors particularly to those with needs, to consider our homes places of communion and refuge rather than a fortress of private retreat.
- **Simplicity** | To resist accumulation, to obtain justly what we have and resolve to be content with it, to confront inequality in resource distribution by acquiring and consuming only what we reasonably need and not whatever we can leverage to gain.

As you consider these categories, ask some questions about your resources:

- Do I need this?
- Can I live on less?
- Can I give more away?
- Am I willing to share what I have?
- Am I taking more than my fair share?
- Am I squandering what I have?
- How is what I have a result in part of certain privileges others may lack?

"Those who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction." – 1 Tim. 6:9

"I do not believe one can settle how much we ought to give. I am afraid the only safe rule is to give more than we can spare." – C.S. Lewis