

CITY ALLIANCE

CHURCH

Summary

This sermon focuses on wealth, finances, and possessions from a biblical perspective, using the game Monopoly as a metaphor. Pastor Nithin contrasts the world's rules of acquiring wealth (which lead to spiritual bankruptcy) with God's rules of generosity and eternal perspective. He emphasizes that while money itself isn't evil, the love of money (mammon) can become a spiritual force that enslaves people and prevents them from trusting God fully.

Intro Prayer

Lord, as we gather to discuss finances and stewardship, open our hearts to Your wisdom. Help us see beyond our earthly perspective to understand Your principles of generosity and trust. Guide our conversation and show each person here what You want them to learn about handling the resources You've given us. In Jesus' name Amen.

Ice Breaker

What was your favorite board game growing up and why?

Key Verses

- Matthew 6:19-21
- Matthew 6:24
- Malachi 3:10
- Matthew 23:23

Questions

- How do you think the 'spirit of mammon' manifests in our culture today?
- What makes it difficult to trust God with our finances?
- How has your perspective on money changed as you've grown in your faith?
- What's the difference between using money and being used by money?
- How can we develop an eternal perspective when it comes to our resources?
- What prevents us from being more generous with what we have?
- How does tithing demonstrate trust in God?
- In what ways have you seen God provide for you when you stepped out in faith financially?

Life Application

This week, take time to review your spending habits and financial priorities. Ask God to show you areas where you might be trusting in money rather than Him. Consider taking the 90-day tithing challenge as a step of faith in trusting God with your finances.

Key Takeaways

- If you play by the world's rules, you'll go bankrupt forever; if you live by God's rules, you'll prosper forever
- Generosity is a key way to break the power of mammon in our lives
- Our true treasure should be in Christ, not in earthly possessions
- Everything we have ultimately belongs to God and will 'go back in the box'
- Tithing is an act of trust and worship, not just a financial transaction.

Ending Prayer

Heavenly Father, thank You for entrusting us with resources to manage. Help us break free from the spirit of mammon and trust You completely with our finances. Give us wisdom to be good stewards and the courage to be generous. May we store up treasures in heaven rather than on earth. In Jesus' name Amen.