

**Money  
Shouldn't  
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**Finding the  
Financial  
Freedom  
Jesus Promises**

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**Part 2:** *Escaping the Happiness Trap*

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### **Big Idea**

Live with margin. Live on mission.

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### **Key Scriptures**

- **Matthew 6:19–33**
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### **Discussion Questions**


- Are you more of an impulse buyer or a plan ahead buyer?
- When you hear the word margin, what comes to mind in your financial life right now?
- In the message, you heard Chris say that Jesus never taught us to give from our hearts. Instead, Jesus stated that our hearts follow what we spend our money on. What's the difference, and why does the difference matter?
- **Read Matthew 6:19-33**
- Jesus contrasts storing treasure on earth vs in heaven. What does that mean practically?
- What does verse 21 reveal about the connection between treasure and heart?
  - How have you seen that play out in your own life?

- Read verses 24–27. What do you think Jesus means when He says “you cannot serve both God and money”?
  - In verses 31–33, how does Jesus reframe worry and provision?
  - What cultural messages around money are you most influenced by? (e.g., social media, peers, advertising)
  - What does “living on mission” look like to you? And what’s stopping you from doing that more freely?
  - Which step — Give first, Save second, Live on the rest — feels the hardest for you? Why?
  - How could automating your giving and saving help shape your trust and your future?
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### **Challenge Question (For Takeaway):**

**Escape the happiness trap. Create margin this week by doing one of the following:**

- Start a budget (or review your current one)
- Set up an automated giving or savings transfer
- Choose one expense to cut to free up generosity

 If you're part of Beyond Church and ready to take a first step toward generosity, consider setting up a recurring gift at:

 <https://beyondchurch.com.au/give>