Series:	Starting	Line-	Gospel	of Mark

Message: Seeing Clearly March 4, 2012

## Seeing the story of our lives:

Mark 10:17-24, Matthew 19:22

Rich

Young

Ruler

What the Bible says about Money:

2 Corinthians 8:1-5, 9:6-12, 1 Timothy 6:6-19, Proverbs 3:9-10, 21:20, Philippians 4:14-19

**Do:** Work hard – Tithe – Spend – Save – Invest – Give generously

**Don't:** Love it – Put hope in it – Be enslaved by it

**How To See Our Idols:** 

Mark 10:17-31, Matthew 6:19-24, James 1:16-17, 1 Timothy 6:17

Idol = Usually a good thing that becomes a god thing

**Worship** = What we <u>love</u> and <u>pursue</u> most with our <u>heart</u> and actions

- 1. What is it that consumes my life?
- 2. What do I manipulate God to get?
- 3. What am I consumed about keeping?
- 4. What would destroy me if I lost it?

My intentional momentum:

I will have only one God. I will cast down my idols.

## **NEXT STEPS**

## **DIGGING DEEPER.**

This weeks message talked about getting rid of the "idols" in our life—it does not mean to diminish our pursuit of success. In fact, our drive to be successful is part of how God has made us. How do the following passages reinforce this reality?

Proverbs 14:23-24

Ecclesiastes 10:10

Colossians 3:23-24

Ephesians 2:10

How do the following verses help us evaluate our pursuit of success and ensure that we're keeping our priorities in order?

Philippians 3:7-14; 4:10-13

Proverbs 3:3-4

Matthew 22:34-39

Are there any adjustments you need to make?

There's no question that our "idol issues" can go far beyond our finances and material possessions. Yet, money and materialism are often idols that trip us	TAKING IT HOME		
up. How do the following verses help us keep our perspective of money and wealth in balance?	Looking back at this week's teaching and study, what's most important for you to remember and why?		
Deuteronomy 8:18			
Ecclesiastes 5:19			
Luke 12:15	Prayer Requests		
1 Timothy 6:17-18			