

Canadian Idols: Money

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Read Luke 12:13-21

Question: Why do you think Jesus talked so much about money, and possessions?

Read 1 Timothy 6:10

**Money has grown so dominant in our culture
that it's difficult for us to stand far enough back
to get a perspective.**

Kyle Idleman

Deep idols: the internal motivations for power, approval, comfort, and security.

Surface idols: the things through which our deep idols seek fulfilment satisfaction.

Question: What are some examples you can give from your life that are examples of deep and surface idols?

The deep idols that money serve:

1. Significance and approval

Read 1 John 3:1

2. Comfort and Satisfaction

Materialism is toxic for happiness.

Ed Diener

Poverty is harmful: **read** Proverbs 30:8–9

**If the good life is the goal of your life
it's also the god of your life.**

3. Security / Control

**The person using money to serve the deep idol of
control will often feel superior to people using money
to attain power or social approval.**

Tim Keller

Read Exodus 16:4; Luke 11:3; Leviticus 25:3–4, 20-21;
Proverbs 13:22

The moral of the Luke 12 story:

It's about relationship.

God says "I want you to trust me."

Questions: How do I know if I idolize money?

1. How often do you compare what you have or how much you make to others?
2. How many of your dreams and goals are driven by money?
3. How anxious are you about your finances?
Read Luke 12:22-34
4. What is your attitude towards giving and generosity?

Read Deuteronomy 14:23 "The purpose of tithing is to teach you to always put God first in your life."