

In God We Trust, part 1  
**“The-Thing-That-Must-Not-Be-Named”**

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Selected Texts

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**Three Sermons:**

1. To the Crowd (Luke 3:7-14)
2. To the Candidate (Luke 18:18-30)
3. To the Convinced (Luke 19:1-10)

**Three Surprises:**

1. The Bible talks a great deal about money & possessions.  
According to one author, the Bible devotes twice as many verses to money, about 2,350 of them, than to faith and prayer combined. And Jesus spends 15 percent of his recorded words on this one subject of money. (Randy Alcorn, Money, Possessions and Eternity, 3-4)
2. A person's spiritual condition is closely correlated to his/her attitude and actions about money & possessions.  
Luke 16:13-15  
1 Timothy 3:2-4  
Hebrews 13:5
3. It is the church's responsibility to talk about money & possessions.  
1 Timothy 6:17

**Cell Group Discussion Questions**

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1. What are experiences you have had with how money and possessions were handled or taught at church?
2. Read Luke 18:18-30 together. What was the primary reason why Christ talked about money with the rich young ruler?
3. Do you believe that “a Christian's attitude and actions regarding money and possessions are important barometers of one's spiritual condition?” Why or why not?
4. If the above is true, what are some of the implications for the church's teaching, training and accountability as it relates to money and possessions?
5. Spend time praying with one another that you would have an open and teachable heart regarding this subject during this season of life.