



AMBO Announcement for *Faith & Money Matters*

Announcement 1:

Faith & Money Matters is a 6-week Bible study done in a small group setting to help you learn what the Bible says about money and possessions, about the use of your time and talents, about seeking Godly counsel, about being both honest and truthful, about spending, saving and giving.

This study can:

- Transform Lives
- Reduce Stress
- Strengthen Relationships
- Draw People Closer to Christ

The Bible contains 500 verses on prayer and fewer than 500 verses on faith, but there are over 2,500 verses in the Bible that deal with money and possessions.

The difference between how we view money and possessions and the Biblical viewpoint is best explained in this verse:

Isaiah 55:8 “For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD.”

We all know that everything comes from God, unfortunately it’s hard to live that way in our secular, materialistic society.

The Bible deals with money matters because money does matter.

So...what is Faith \$ Money Matters?



- A 6-week Bible study.
- That teaches a new perspective to manage our personal finances using Biblical principles.
- The discussions in the small group focus on our attitude and perceptions and no one is EVER asked to share any personal financial information.
- This study is both spiritual and practical
 - Sign-ups/more information is available after Mass at each of the exits.
 - There is a flyer in the Bulletin with additional information

Let me leave you with one last thought from **Luke 16:11**: “Therefore if you have not been faithful in the use of worldly wealth, who will entrust the **true riches** to you?”

Announcement 2:

The *Faith & Money Matters* Bible study will be offered at our parish on **day date, time location**. This 6-week study integrates teachings from the Church, the Bible, and the Catechism with personal practical exercises to help people manage their money and possessions according to the Bible.

Topics covered are: getting out of Debt; responsible spending; reasons to invest; seeking Godly counsel, dealing with a financial crisis, our responsibility to give and most importantly God’s role as owner and our role as Stewards.

Once we learn the true meaning of stewardship and live as stewards of God’s many blessings, we are able to bring the gospel to life because all the material things we have are put into their proper perspective.

1 Corinthians 4:2 tells us “Now it is of course required of stewards that they be found trustworthy.” And this study will help you become trustworthy in



handling money and possessions.

Announcement 3:

The Faith & Money Matters Bible study will be offered at our parish on **day date, time location**. This 6-week study will help you increase savings, reduce personal debt, grow closer to God, and strengthen personal relationships. But most importantly it will help you learn the spiritual impacts of how you use money and possessions.

1 Timothy 6:9-10 is one of the most misquoted verses in the Bible. It reads: “For the **love** of money is the root of all evils, and some people in their desire for it have strayed from the faith and have pierced themselves with many pains.”

Money is simply a tool with no inherent value. Money is not evil. What can be evil is our **love** of money when it becomes so important to us that it takes our focus away from what is good and true. Join us for this study and we’ll challenge ourselves about how the American cultural attitude toward money and possessions can impact our faith life.