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2. **You own treasures; they shouldn’t own you.**

**Further study:** 1 Timothy 6:10 & 17-19, Proverbs 22:7; 10:4; 13:11; 17:16; 3:9, Matthew 6:1-4; 19:21; 13:44, Malachi 3:10, Ecclesiastes 5:8-20; 7:12, Luke 12:33; 3:14; 14:28, 2 Chronicles 1:11-12, Hebrews 13:15, Deuteronomy 23:19; 15:7, Romans 13:8, Psalms 37:16-17, Acts 8:20; 4:34, Mark 12:41-44, Revelation 3:17, James 5:1-6

**Questions to discuss:**

Are you ruling your money or is it ruling you?

What has been your biggest battle financially?

Do you need to switch your view of money? If so, how?

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**Luke 12:32-34**

 **Matthew 19:21-22**

\*\*For the rich young ruler, money wasn’t a TOOL to us **FOR** the Kingdom of God but a GOAL that kept him **FROM** the Kingdom of God.

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**It’s so wonderful to be with you today Ava G/B Church!**

* If you are just new to Ava G/B, then thank you for worshiping with us!

**Today we are going to talk about how to Live Different; LIVE FREE financially!**

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