The "MONEY, SEX and POWER" Series

「金錢、性與權力」系列

POWER: Understanding It

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- A. What Do We Mean by 'Power?' 我們所說的'權力'是什麼意思?
- 1. We are essentially talking about success. 我們本質上是在談論成功。
- 2. The accumulation of wealth and influence. 財富和影響力的積累。
- B. Four Potential Warning Signs That Success Has Become an Idol in Your Life 成功已成為你生活中的偶像的四個潛在警告信號
- 1. When you are <u>not winning</u>, you believe that you have <u>no value</u>... 當你沒有獲得勝利時,你相信自己是沒有價值的······
- 2. When others are <u>not winning</u>, you believe that they have <u>no value</u>... 當別人<u>沒有獲得勝利</u>時,你相信他們是沒有價值的……
- 3. Pride has turned from a <u>positive feeling</u> to a <u>negative force</u> in your life... 驕傲已經從一種積極的感覺變成了你生活中一種消極的力量······

"Each one should test their own actions. Then they can take pride in themselves alone, without comparing themselves to someone else..." (Galatians 6:4)

"各人應該省察自己所作的,這樣,他引以為榮的,就只在自己而不在別人了……" (加拉太書 6:4)

"I take great pride in you. I am greatly encouraged…" (2 Corinthians 7:4) "我對你們大有信心,因你們而感到十分光榮;我心裡滿有安慰,在我們的一切患難中, 格外充滿喜樂。"(哥林多後書 7:4)

"Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited." (Romans 12:16) "要彼此同心,不可心高氣傲,倒要俯就卑微的。不可自以為聰明。"(羅馬書 12:16)

4. Even when you *are* winning, you are <u>still not fulfilled</u>... 即使你獲得勝利時,你仍然不滿足……

Today's "Big Idea"...今日主旨……

The guaranteed way to <u>fail</u> at the <u>end</u> of your life, 一個保證你在生命<u>結束</u>時<u>失敗</u>的方法 is to place <u>success</u> at the <u>center</u> of your life. 就是把成功放在你生活的中心。

C. An Illustration from the Ministry of Jesus

耶穌事工的例證

1. The parable of the <u>rich fool</u>... 無知富翁的比喻……

"'Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me.' Then (Jesus) said to them, 'Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions.' And he told them this parable:

'The ground of a certain rich man yielded an abundant harvest. He thought to himself, 'What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops.' Then he said to himself, 'This is what I'll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store my surplus grain.

And I'll say to myself, "You have plenty of grain laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry."'

But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you.

Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?'

This is how it will be with whoever stores up things for themselves but is not rich towards God." (Luke 12:13-15)

群眾中有一個人對耶穌說:"老師,請吩咐我的兄弟和我分家業。"耶穌說:"你這個人,誰 立我作你們的審判官和分家業的人呢?"於是他對眾人說:"你們要謹慎,遠離一切貪心,因 為人的生命並不在於家道豐富。"就對他們講了一個比喻,說:

"有一個富翁的田地豐收。他自己心裡說:'怎麼辦呢?因為我沒有足夠的地方收藏出產了!'又說:'我要這樣辦:我要拆掉這些倉房,建造更大的,好在那裡收藏我的一切糧食和貨物。然後,我要對我的靈魂說:靈魂啊,你擁有許多好東西,足夠多年享用,只管安安逸逸地吃喝快樂吧!'

神卻對他說: '無知的人哪,今天晚上,你的靈魂必被取去,你所預備的要歸給誰呢?' 凡為自己積財,在 神面前卻不富足的,也是這樣。" (路加福音 12:13-21)

a. It is not what you hold in your <u>hands</u>, but what you hold in your <u>heart</u>, that <u>defines</u> you. 定義你的不是你手裡拿著什麼,而是你心裡放著什麼。

Discussion Questions: 問題討論:

- 1. The speaker outlines success as wealth and influence. How would you define success? 講者將成功概括為財富和影響力。你會如何定義成功?
- 2. Why do so many people believe the lie that success will bring happiness? 為什麼那麼多人相信成功會帶來幸福這個謊言?
- 3. Which warning sign do you identify with the most? 你最認同哪個警告信號?
- 4. How has influence or power been negative and/or toxic in your life? 影響力或權力如何在你的人生中產生負面影響和/或荼毒你的人生?
- 5. Does success define your life? How or how not? 成功是否定義了你的人生?如何或如何不?