



## PURSUING FREEDOM

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### DISCUSSION GUIDE

Think about true financial freedom for a minute. What does it look like to you? Do you see shopping sprees, diamonds, cars, and a yacht? Or maybe you just want your house paid off and nice cars in the driveway?

Whatever financial freedom looks like, keep in mind that wealth is a wonderful byproduct but a terrible life goal. God doesn't object to wealth in principle (Proverbs 10:22), but the Bible does tell us trusting in riches (or anything other than God) is wrong (Matthew 6:24, 33).

The love of money reveals a heart issue, and we must be diligent in pursuing freedom. We can be truly generous—and wait patiently for the opportunities God has for us—when we're free financially.

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Looking back at your notes from Sunday's message, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?
2. What circumstances would cause you to "feel" poor? What about wealthy?
3. Talk about a time when an increase in wealth proved to be a disadvantage.
4. How might financial hardship be an advantage? Do you have a personal example?
5. Read Proverbs 19:17 and 2 Corinthians 9:11. Talk about a time when you have received generosity or given generously out of obedience to God. What was the result?
6. Read Matthew 6:21. What are the subtle ways money can creep in and become the focus of our lives? If money is a heart issue, how could more wealth affect your spiritual life?

### WEEKLY CHALLENGE

1. Visit [cvchurch.org](http://cvchurch.org) or the Registration Desk to register for Financial Peace University.
2. Take the Cedar Valley Challenge.

