

## SUFFICIENT: The Money Test

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### Message Summary.

Money is a powerful tool, and it makes a terrible savior. In Luke 12, Jesus exposes the false promises money makes: security, rest, identity, and control; and shows us that life is not found in what we accumulate. “Enough” is a moving target, and when we trust money to carry what only God can carry, we lose ourselves. True sufficiency is found in Jesus, not in a number.

### Key Scripture Summaries.

**Luke 12:15** | Life does not consist in an abundance of possessions; beware of greed.

**Luke 12:16-21** | The rich fool trusted wealth for security, but lost everything that mattered.

**Luke 12:22-23** | Jesus calls us to reject worry and trust God for what we need.

**Matthew 28:12-14** | A “sufficient” sum of money led soldiers to trade truth for a lie.

### Start Talking.

1. What’s something you’ve saved up for or worked hard to afford that felt like a big deal at the time?
2. When you hear the phrase “enough is enough,” what comes to mind?
3. Growing up, what *money messages* did you absorb (security, stress, success, etc.)?

### Start Thinking.

- We heard in the sermon, “Temptation shows up like a deal.” Where do you see that playing out with money?
- Why do you think “enough” is such a moving target in our culture?
- Jesus says, “life is not found in possessions” (Luke 12:15). What does our culture say life consists of?
- Which of the four promises of money hits closest to home for you (security, rest, identity, control)?
- Why is it so easy to treat money like a savior without realizing it?

### Start Sharing.

1. What is money *promising* you?
2. Where do you feel the most pressure or anxiety related to money?
3. Have you ever experienced “integrity drift” in finances (even in small ways)? What did that look like?
4. Which question from the *Sufficient Audit* stands out most? Why?
  - What am I trying to get that feels sufficient right now?
  - What am I willing to trade to get it?
  - What would it look like to let Jesus be sufficient instead?
5. Where do you need to trust Jesus more than a number right now?

### Start Praying.

*Jesus, You are enough. Forgive us for the times we’ve trusted money to give us what only You can give. Expose the places where we’ve believed false promises, and teach us to trust You with our security, our anxiety, our identity, and our future. Give us the courage to live open-handed and to follow You fully. In Your name, Amen.*

### Start Doing.

Choose a few to practice this week:

- Name Your “Enough” with this sentence: “If I had \_\_\_\_\_, I’d feel okay.” Then replace it with truth: “Because of Jesus, I can be okay even if I don’t get \_\_\_\_\_.”
- Pray Instead of Panic: When you feel financial anxiety, pause and pray: “Jesus, I’m tempted to trust money right now. Teach me to trust You.”
- Tell the Truth: Have an honest conversation about money you’ve been avoiding (spending, debt, fear, or pressure).
- Practice Generosity: Do one intentional act of generosity this week to break money’s grip on your heart.
- Run the Audit: Take 10 minutes and walk through the Sufficient Audit with God.

