

# Is it Wrong to be Rich?

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# Who's here?

- ▶ Pastors
- ▶ Church Financial Officers
- ▶ Stewardship and Generosity Leaders

# Where do our attitudes come from?

Our attitudes can  
make it difficult to  
talk about money

Jesus did not have  
trouble talking  
about money

# Four Attitude Categories

- ▶ Money Worship
- ▶ Money Avoidance
- ▶ Money Vigilance
- ▶ Money Status

# Money Worship

People who identify with this category tend to think that more money is the solution to most problems.

# Money Avoidance

People who identify with this category often don't want to talk about money.

# Money Vigilance

People who identify with this category tend to be savers. They often feel that money needs to be watched, and that **frugality** is **always best**.

# Money Status

People who identify with this category often hope to impress others with outward signs of affluence; or, they hope to gain acceptance into a certain group.



# Break-out Session

<https://www.nerdwallet.com/article/finance/money-personality>

# Pepper ... And Salt

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*"How would we ever know  
if money can't make us happy?"*

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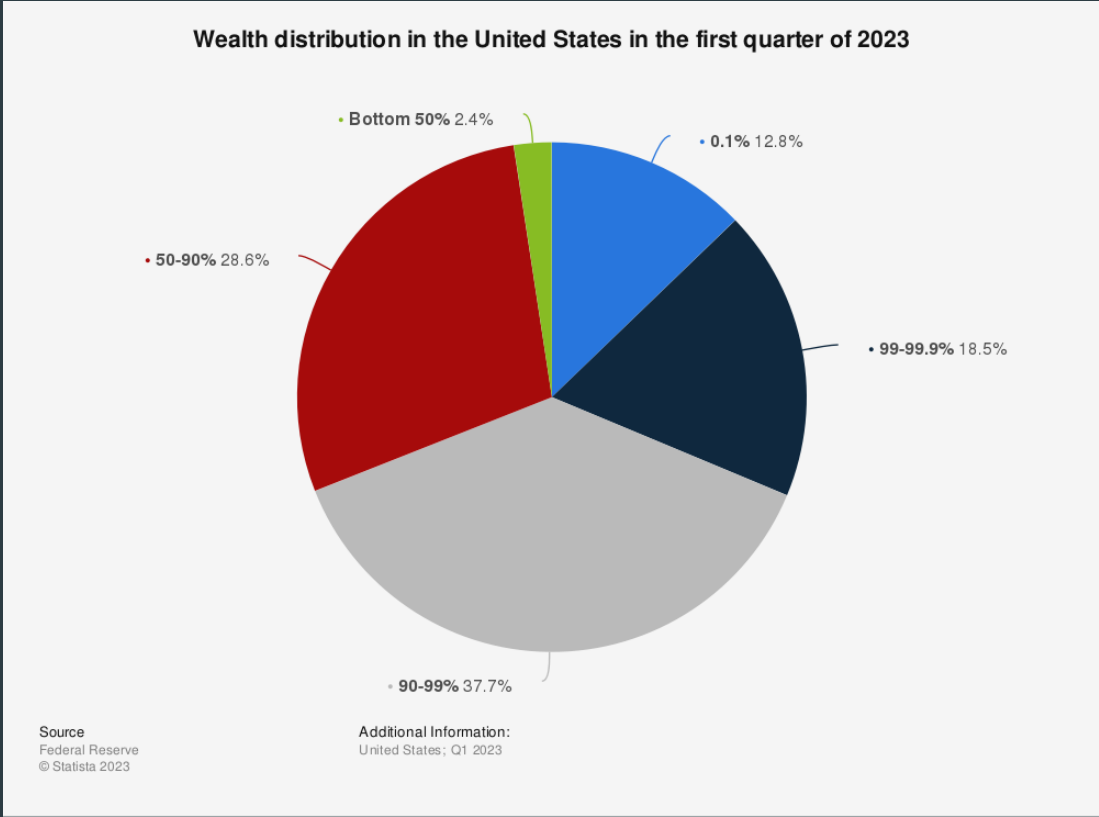
“Truly I tell you, it will be hard for a rich person to enter the kingdom of heaven. Again, I tell you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.”

# What is Jesus saying?

Our wealth comes  
between us and God

Our wealth comes  
between us and our  
neighbor

# Wealth Distribution in the US



How do we address this dilemma?  
What myths must we debunk?

The Problem of  
Poverty

The Problem of  
Wealth

“What would it mean for the world if we lived by “an ethic of enough”?”

Dr. Elizabeth L. Hinson-Hasty,  
author of *The Problem of Wealth*

Is it wrong for those of us who have good jobs and who enjoy privilege and who benefit from the current system to continue to embrace it?

Vs.

Is it Wrong to be Rich?



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embodying different values, in  
your community?

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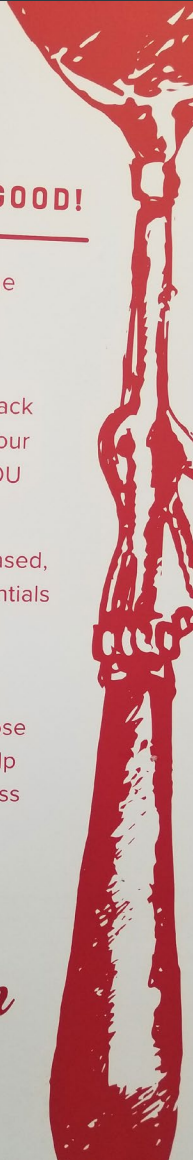
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# Parting Thoughts

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