

# ORDINARY RADICALS

## Step One: Possessions

**INTRO – The Radical Call of Jesus**

**INTERVIEW with Ordinary Radicals**

**TEACHING – Step One: Freed from Possessions**

Israel's vision of life change: Outside In

**Psalm 1:1-3**

Jesus' vision of life change: Inside Out

**Matthew 5:1-10**

“Blessed are the poor in spirit  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.”

**Matthew 5:3**

Security in stuff: possessing or possessed?

**Luke 18:18-29, 19:1-10, 21:1-4**

All mine or all God's?

1. Have I given everything to God? **Luke 14:33**
2. Am I managing what I have as God's manager? **Matthew 25:14-30**
3. Do I remind myself it is God's? **Leviticus 27:30; Malachi 3:8-10**
4. Do I embrace God's vision for his kingdom? **Acts 2:44-45**

**GIVE UP EVERYTHING PRAYER CHALLENGE**  
**1-10% CHALLENGE**

### Key insight:

God wants us to emotionally detach from the kingdom we are building (here today and gone tomorrow) and fully embrace the kingdom he is building (lasts forever).

**CONCLUSION** – The person who dies with the most toys...?

### Memory Verse:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.” (Matthew 5:3)

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### HOME CHURCH QUESTIONS

#### Warming Up...

1. What was your favorite possession as a child? Why did you like it so much? Where is it now?
2. What kind of priority do you think the average person places on her or his possessions? Why do you think we like our possessions?

#### Look to the Book...

3. Take a moment to recap Sunday's teaching. Read **Luke 4:1-13** in two versions if possible. Read verses 5-8 again. Satan offers Jesus the world's wealth in exchange for worshipping him. What would appeal to Jesus in this offer? If Jesus worshipped Satan he would be saying he trusts Satan with his wealth more than his own Father. What kind of decisions would a person make who trusts in or values possessions more than God?
4. Read **Matthew 6:24**. How do you think God feels about people who would rather serve money than serve him? What benefit does a person gain from placing their emotional security in God and in his kingdom rather than spending their life serving money?

#### So What...?

5. How would your life practically change if you consciously gave all of your possessions and earning power over to God and simply became the manager of his estate? What would change in your priorities, ambitions, expectations, and stress? This may be a good week to do your will or review your will as a way to think through the future of your wealth and possessions.
6. What step can you take this week to signal to yourself and to God that you are emotionally detaching from your possessions and fully embracing God's kingdom as your source of wealth and security? 1-10% challenge?
7. Take time to pray for each other about this and your next steps.

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