



# GOD OVER

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# MONEY

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## INTRODUCTION

Prairie Lakes Church launched 2019 with a three-week *Safety Third* series. "Safety Third" does not mean living recklessly or carelessly but trusting God so fully we position and prioritize Him in our hearts and actions above a "Safety First" spiritual mentality. In week one, Pastor John encouraged us to courageously put God over Pleasing People; in week two, Pastor Chip challenged us to reposition God over Time. This week, Pastor John concludes our series with the biblical principle to place God over Money.

## DISCUSSION

1. In the weekend message, Pastor John spoke about our hearts, habits and hope. Which of these concepts challenged you most deeply, and why?  
"Money is ultimately a **heart** issue." "Money **habits** need to be formed." "The Church is the **hope** of the world."
2. During January, PLC Wee Kids are memorizing Psalm 119:57 "You are everything I need." [The NIV translation reads "You are my portion."] As a group, read this verse aloud several times, first with the emphasis on "YOU" and then accenting "EVERYTHING." Discuss how this exercise personally aids in refocusing your heart **from** money and materials **to** God.
3. In Proverbs 3:9, Pastor John highlighted the key factor of "first" – the "first 10." Read this verse together, and ask "Why is giving back to God **first** - rather than waiting to see what the week or month brings in terms of expenses or other income - so important?"
4. Hebrews 13:5 reads "Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said, 'Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you'" [NIV]. Discuss how love of money and discontent might fuel each other, and then take a bold step and share the areas of material life where you tend to be less content. Do we love money more than we think we do? How can remembering "He will never leave us" help diminish our love of money?

## DO SOMETHING

1. Our 2019 prayer at PLC is "God, help me live a Safety Third life with you." Commit to making this a weekly or daily prayer now through December. Set reminders in your phone or other places where you will be continually inspired to pray this.
2. Check with your campus for upcoming Financial Peace University courses offered at PLC. The course can also be purchased and taken online by anyone/anywhere/anytime.
3. Wherever you are in your giving journey, Pastor John encouraged us to take next steps. Consider your Safety Third next step: Is it courageously increasing your tithe by a certain percentage? Is it restructuring your finances so your tithe is given first? What next steps might be unique to your situation? Relish in the joy that comes from listening to the Spirit in this critical area of your life.

## RESOURCES

1. Need assistance honoring God with your money? Read *The Total Money Makeover* by Dave Ramsey, founder of Financial Peace University, available on Amazon in hardcover, MP3 and Kindle.
  2. View the following videos on RightNow Media:  
*Life, Money, & Hope* by Dave Ramsey  
*Gods at War: God of Money* by Kyle Idleman
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