

# Fame & Fortune

**Touching Base** – What’s going on in our lives ... any highs or lows?

**Reflecting** – What have you thought about, applied to your life, or shared with others from our last discussion?

**Today’s Topic** – Read the passages from the Bible and let’s retell them in our own words.

## I Chronicles 29:10-12

<sup>10</sup> O Lord, the God of our ancestor Israel, may you be praised forever and ever!  
<sup>11</sup> Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the victory, and the majesty. Everything in the heavens and on earth is yours, O Lord, and this is your kingdom. We adore you as the one who is over all things. <sup>12</sup> Wealth and honor come from you alone, for you rule over everything. Power and might are in your hand, and at your discretion people are made great and given strength.

## Ecclesiastes 5:10

<sup>10</sup> Those who love money will never have enough. How meaningless to think that wealth brings true happiness!

## Matthew 6:19-21, 24

<sup>19</sup> Don’t store up treasures here on earth, where moths eat them and rust destroys them, and where thieves break in and steal. <sup>20</sup> Store your treasures in heaven, where moths and rust cannot destroy, and thieves do not break in and steal. <sup>21</sup> Wherever your treasure is, there the desires of your heart will also be. <sup>24</sup> No one can serve two masters. For you will hate one and love the other; you will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.

## Mark 12:41-44

<sup>41</sup> Jesus sat down near the collection box in the Temple and watched as the crowds dropped in their money. Many rich people put in large amounts. <sup>42</sup> Then a poor widow came and dropped in two small coins, <sup>43</sup> Jesus called his disciples to him and said, “I tell you the truth, this poor widow has given more than all the others who are making contributions. <sup>44</sup> For they gave a tiny part of their surplus, but she, poor as she is, has given everything she had to live on.”

## Discussion Questions

1. What do these passages tell us about God?
2. What do these passages tell us about people?
3. What else did you learn from these passages?
4. If you believed this was true, what could be the benefits and how might you apply it to your life?
5. What about these passages could you share with someone else, and who might that be?

