

# pocket change

## Pocket Change 1 – Deep Pockets Spiritual Formation Guide

**We hope you'll use this guide to take the teaching from Sunday's service and reflect on it with a few friends or with a group. If you have questions or want to talk more about how to take a next spiritual step, contact us at [info@wschurch.org](mailto:info@wschurch.org).**

### **Scripture:**

People who long to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many foolish and harmful desires that plunge them into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is the root of all kinds of evil. And some people, craving money, have wandered from the true faith and pierced themselves with many sorrows.

1 Timothy 6:9

The earth is the Lord's and everything in it.

Psalm 24:1

One tenth of the produce of the land, whether grain from the fields or fruit from the trees, belongs to the Lord and must be set apart to him as holy.

Leviticus 27:30

Remember this—a farmer who plants only a few seeds will get a small crop. But the one who plants generously will get a generous crop. You must each decide in your heart how much to give. And don't give reluctantly or in response to pressure. "For God loves a person who gives cheerfully."

2 Corinthians 9:6

Honor God with everything you own; give him the first and the best.

Proverbs 3:9

### **Reflection Questions:**

- What's one thing you're looking forward to this summer?
- When you heard about this week's message theme (tithing), what was your honest reaction? Why?
- Read 1 Timothy 6:9. Is that verse familiar to you? What do you notice as you read it today?

- Tithing is God's antidote to the drug-like pull of money. Tithing is the spiritual practice of giving one-tenth of your income to God. Have you ever practiced tithing? What was that experience like? How did it impact your connection to God?
- Eddie offered two reasons to tithe in his message:
  - God owns everything that comes our way. (Read Psalm 24:1.)
  - God is a generous owner. (Read 2 Corinthians 9:6.)Which one of these reasons stands out to you today? Why?
- What else stood out to you from Eddie's message?
- Take some time to be still and quiet with this question: "God, what would you have me do?" Write out your response to God.

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