



## questions for reflection

### series: "The Intentional Life"

Have you ever thought you were too busy to plan, too broke to budget or too overwhelmed to connect with community? All too often we live in a reactive haze, just trying to catch our breath before the onslaught of the next thing in life. With summer in view, we want to live in an intentional way where we get the full benefit of our relationships with others, our resources and our time with God. So join us as TNL explores The Intentional Life.

### part 3:

"Our Finances"

by Brian Gray on Tuesday May 19, 2009

What aspect of your life do you sense God asking you to be more intentional about right now?

What areas of life do you feel most unintentional about?

On a scale of 1-10 (1 being intentional and 10 being lost) how would you rate your management of your finances?

- Why do you think this?

Luke 8:13 say, "No worker can serve two bosses: He'll either hate the first and love the second Or adore the first and despise the second. You can't serve both God and the Bank."

- What does it look like to serve money?
- How does serving money affect possessions, bank accounts, budget, and debt?
- Are there ways that you may be serving money in any area of your financial life?

Brian said, "You cannot whole heartedly follow Jesus without being intentional about your money."

- Is he correct?

Why or why not?

- What do the finances of a whole - hearted follower of Jesus look like?

If God is more interested in our hearts than our money, why did Jesus spend so much time talking about money?

How have you or other people you know used their finances for the kingdom of God or with an eternal perspective?

Where do you sense God asking you to be more financially intentional?

What could be your first step?:

- Debt reduction/elimination
- Budgeting
- Living simply
- Prioritize (what are your big rocks)
- Cutting costs
- Tracking expenses
- Asking questions