Using Money

Life Issues B Summary

Life Issues B Learning Objectives

* The participants will explore the difference between things we need and things we want.
* The participants will discover that God offers to take care of all our needs and calls us to set priorities when it comes to things we want.

Content Summary

1. We must know the difference between wants and needs. Needs sustain life. They can be material or spiritual. Wants are things that go beyond fulfilling basic necessities.

2. When we put too much emphasis on our wants, we become selfish, concerned with ourselves only.

3. We must be careful to remember the difference between our needs, wants that can help build our relationships with God and others, and wants that do not serve God’s purpose for our lives.

4. Every time we spend money, we should ask ourselves two questions: First, does the thing I’m buying fulfill a need or a want? Second, if it fulfills a want, how does the purchase help me to love and serve God or to love and serve my neighbor as myself?

5. God wants us to trust in him and to keep our priorities straight. We must work to trust God with our needs and set the proper limits on our wants.

6. Jesus clearly wants us to trust God for our needs and to use our money in ways that build up the Kingdom of God.