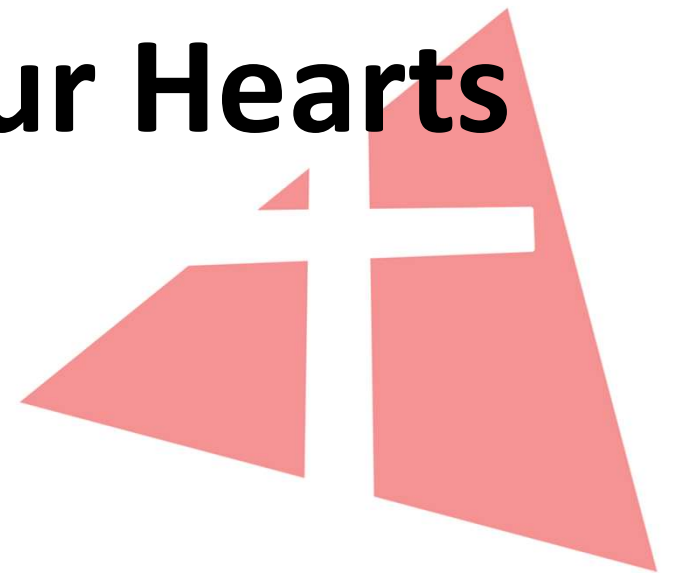


Money: Our Budget, Our Hearts

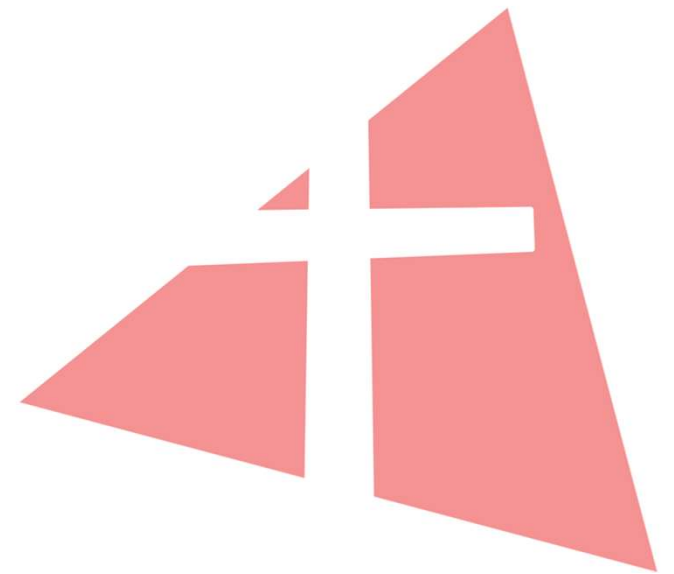
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Our Series: Money

- **Managing money**

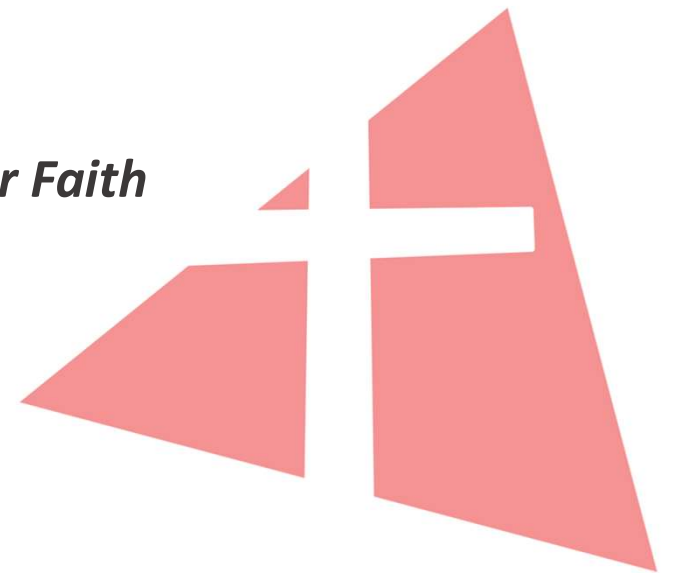
- Tithing
- Saving
- Managing the rest (incl. “Being Generous”)



Today's Focus

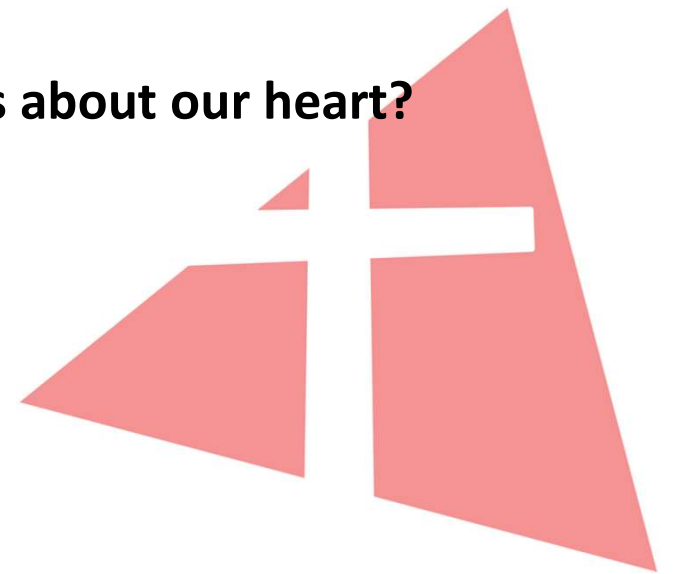
- **Our Budgets, Our Hearts**

Show me your budget, and I will tell you the current state of your Faith



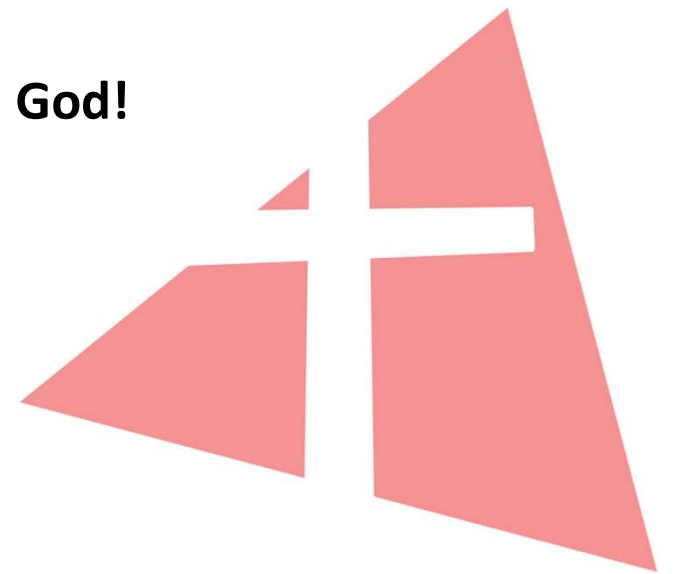
Check your Budget

- **What indicators can we look at to see what our budget tells us about our heart?**



Tithe

- **A person who doesn't tithe loves and trusts money more than God!**



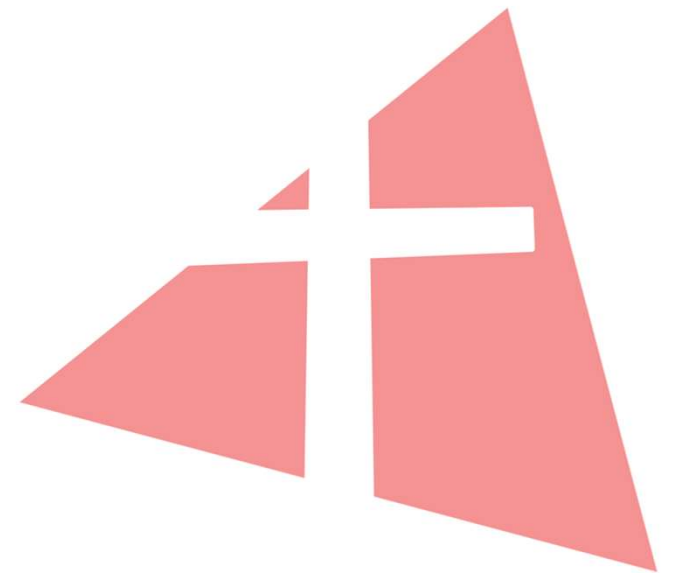
Saving

- A person who saves puts more value in “being Faithful to God” than in “pleasures today”



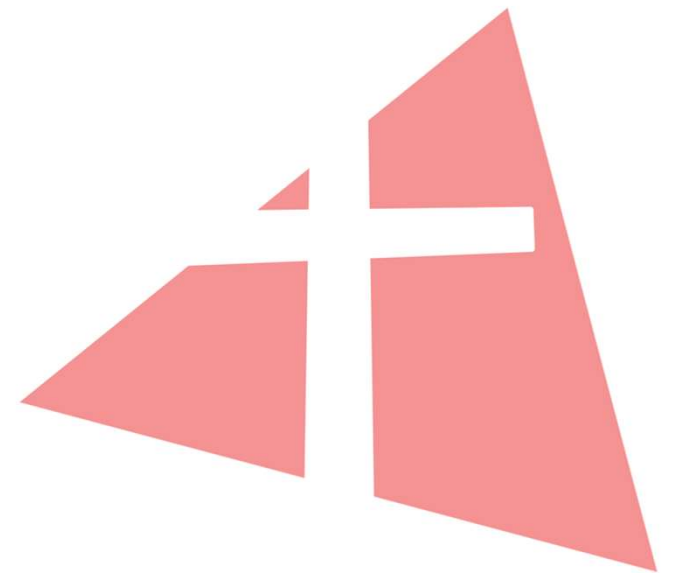
Sin

- Is there something sinful in the budget?



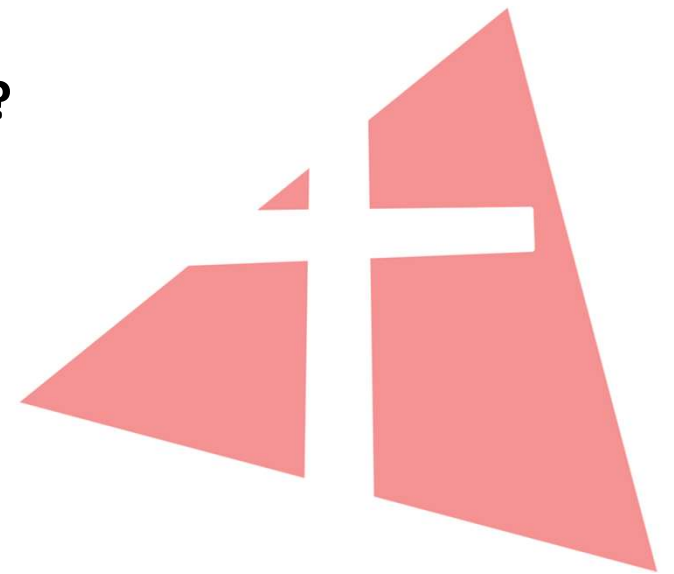
Responsibility

- **Is this person honoring God by being responsible for**
 - Current commitments
 - Planning for the future



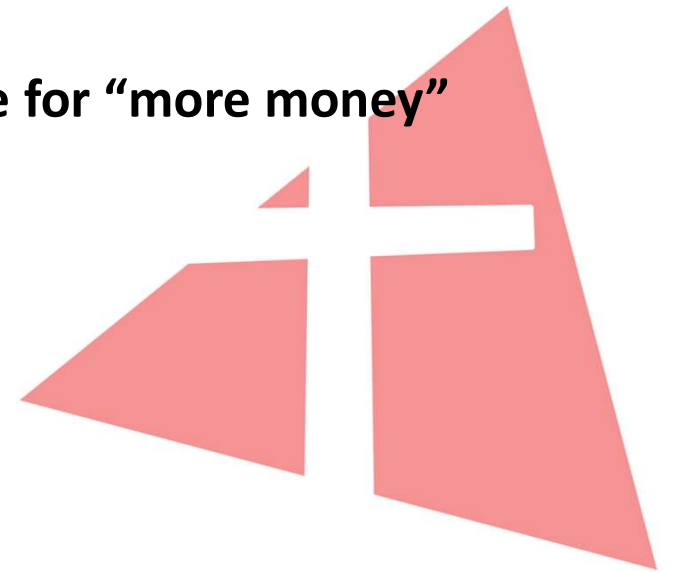
Generosity

- Does this person share some of his/her resources with others?



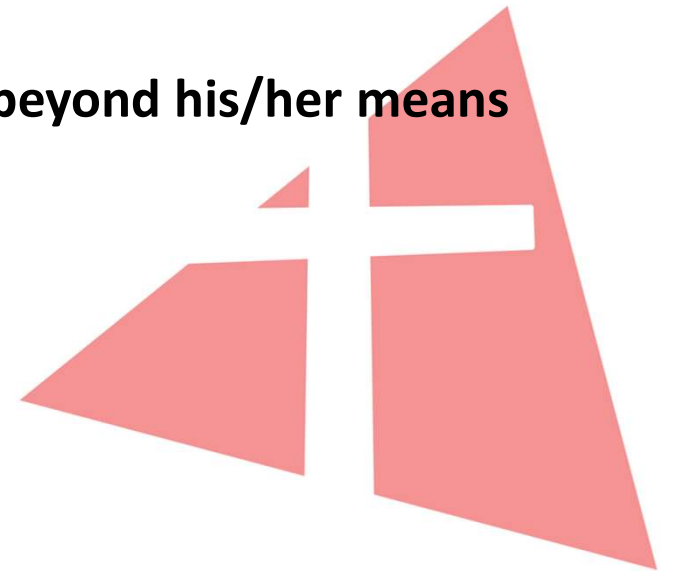
Are there too many risks in the budget?

- A person who takes too many financial risks is often desperate for “more money”



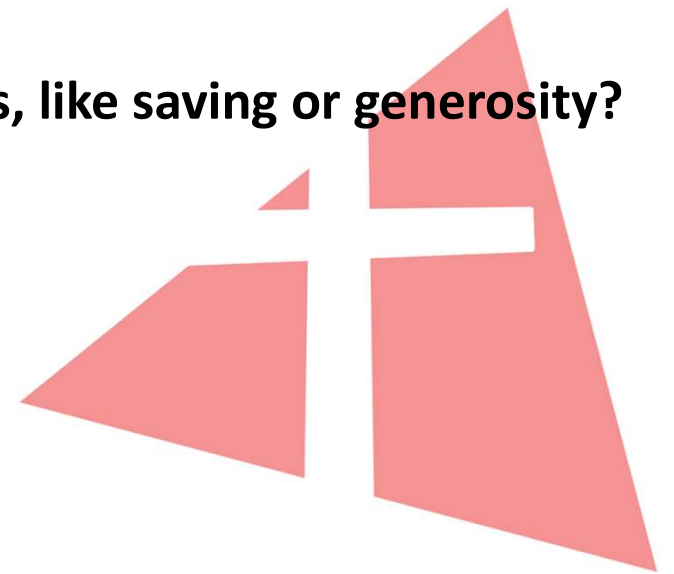
Loans to be able to afford things

- **A person who takes a loan to be able to afford things is living beyond his/her means**



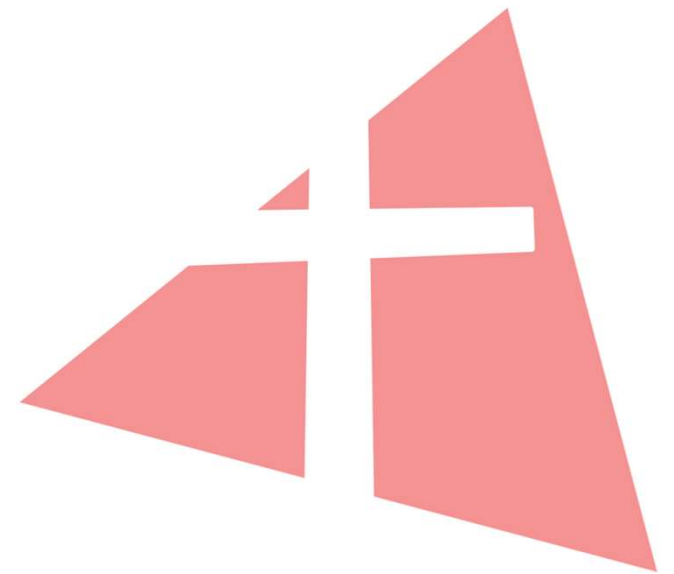
Balance

- What is the balance between “own pleasure” and other things, like saving or generosity?



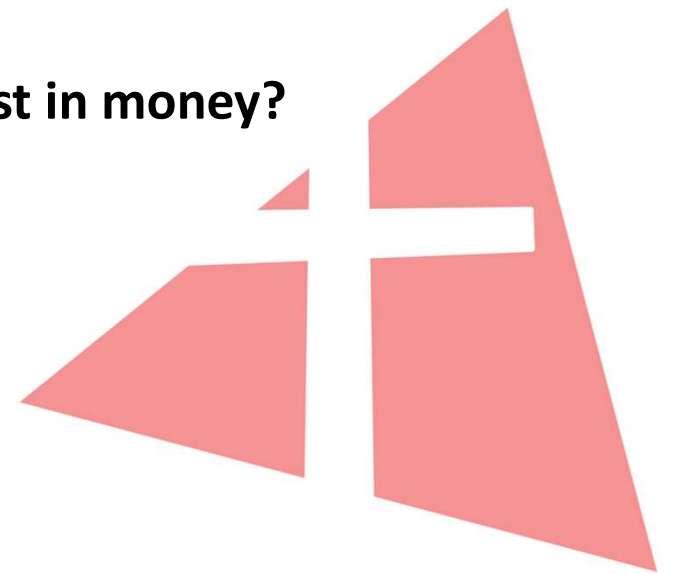
Idols

- **Is something totally out of balance with everything else?**



Trust

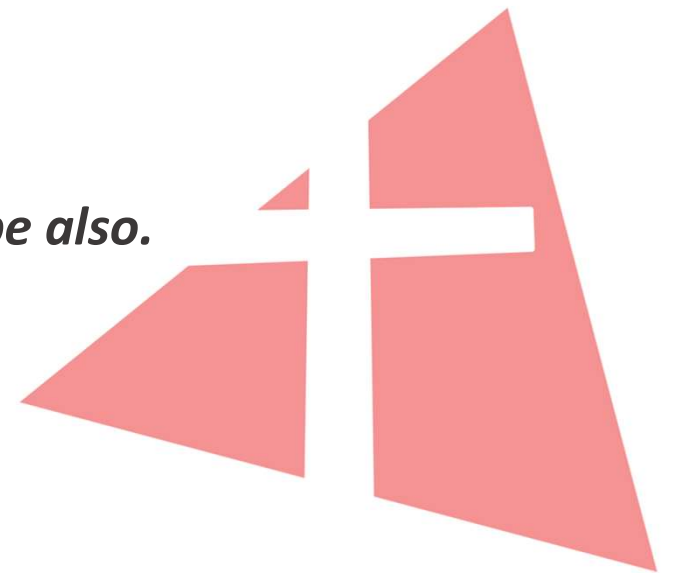
- Does the budget show trust in God? Or does it show more trust in money?



Why do our budgets reveal our hearts?

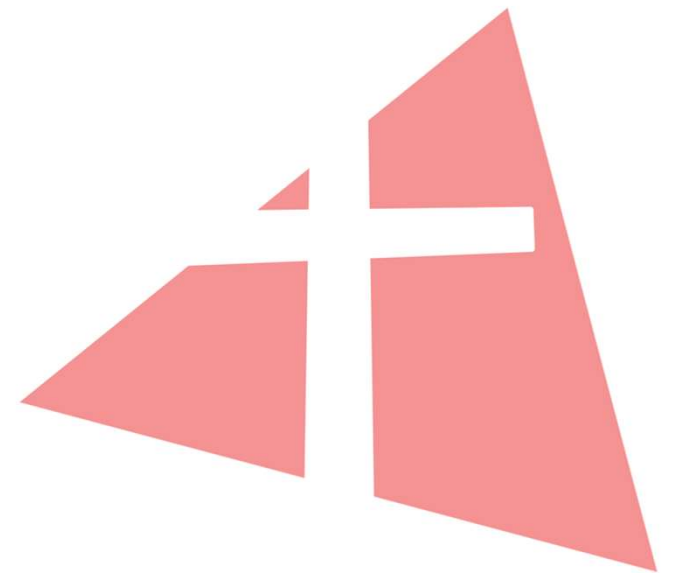
- Our budget reveals our treasure
- Our treasure determines where our heart goes

Matthew 6:21 For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.



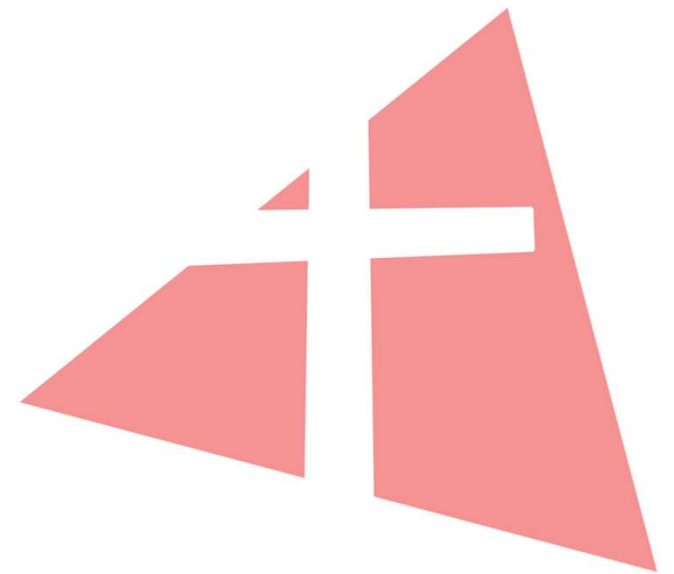
Changes

- **Change your budget, change your heart!**
 - Reduce worldly treasures
 - Increase heavenly treasures



Important

- **Check your plans**
 - Beginning of the month
- **Also check the actuals**
 - End of the month



Value of a Budget

- Our hearts matter!
- Our budget is one of the easiest and clearest revelations of what is truly in our hearts
- If we don't know our budget, we are missing out on the easiest way to examine our hearts

Jeremiah 17:9 The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?

Proverbs 4:23 Keep your heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life.



In Conclusion

- **Budgeting is a great tool to manage money**
- **But more importantly, budgeting is a great way to examine our hearts**

