

PROPER 20

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Set your heart on God





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Sunday between September 18 and September 24



Share your highs and lows, or respond to the following:

- 1. Share about something you saved for and bought. How did you feel buying it?
- 2. In what different ways can you use your money to serve God?



BIBLE READINGS

Read the following Bible readings throughout this week. Talk about what words or phrases stand out for you.

S	Luke 16:1-13	Parable of the shrewd manager
М	Mark 12:38-44	A widow's offering
Т	Matthew 19:16-23	The rich young man
W	Psalm 62	Don't set your heart on riches
т	1 Timothy 2: 1-7	Instructions on worship
F	1 Timothy 6:6-10	The dangers of loving money
S	Psalm 79:1-9	Help us, God our Saviour

VERSE OF THE WEEK

You cannot be the slave of two masters. You will like one more than the other or be more loyal to one than to the other. You cannot serve God and money.

LUKE 16:13



CREATIVE RESPONSE

The apostle Paul encourages us to offer 'requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving' for rulers and all those in positions of authority (1 Timothy 2: 1-2).

In your household devotion times this week pray for leaders in your nation and community, using the prayer suggestions below.

Find out the names of the those you don't know.

Monday - national leaders

Tuesday - state leaders

Wednesday - community leaders

Thursday - school leaders

Friday - church leaders

Saturday - parents



ACTION RESPONSE

We serve God by serving others; think about a way you can use your money to serve him. Below are some ideas:

- Make a household shopping expedition to buy canned goods and non-perishable food items to give away to a food pantry or a home in need.
- Support the work of ALWS (Australian Lutheran World Service) www.alws.org.au
- Buy a chocolate frog and put it in your pastor's pigeon hole or on your teacher's desk.



MEALTIME PRAYER

Thank you Lord for our food, and for the people who have prepared it. Amen.



PRAYER

Lord, please bless all rulers and leaders today. Guide them to do what pleases you. Amen.



BLESSING

May you love God and enjoy him forever.