

Intro: We are looking at the principle of rejection in people's lives: Disapproval/lack of valuing

Rejection is the root of so many unhealthy/destructive emotions/reactions/mindsets/choices

Through supernatural deliverance and the power of truth we will find freedom to uproot rejection

Today: Looking at how rejection affects your money

I. MONEY AND EMOTIONS

A. Money is not just math/data – not just needs/bills

1. **Money is emotional:** *It is closely connected to your emotions*

a. We make money choices based on how we feel inside: *Pre-existing*

b. Money makes us feel certain ways: *Produces feelings*

2. **Rejection affects our emotions:** *Not just data/information; You are stupid/worthless...Oh, OK*

a. *Pain/confusion/worthlessness/anger* b. *We can be carrying those under the surface*

3. **Your emotions affect your viewpoint:** *You see things based on how you feel*

a. In this case: ***How you view money!***

1. *What is the purpose of money?* 2. *How is money to be used?*

b. **Proverbs 11:24-26** *There is one who scatters, yet increases more; And there is one who withholds more than is right, But it leads to poverty. ²⁵The generous soul will be made rich, And he who waters will also be watered himself. ²⁶The people will curse him who withholds grain, But blessing will be on the head of him who sells it.*

B. Rejection and withholding

1. Fear: For some people - money is connected to fear

a. Some people grew up in poverty: *Money caused turmoil/fear – had to move/repossessed*

b. Some people grew up with conflict over money: *Parents constantly fighting. Saw your parents battle*

2. **So this produces an obsession with security:** *I have to take care of the future!*

a. Not based on wisdom but fear: *I don't ever want to feel like that again!*

1. **Exodus 32:23-24** *The people said to me, 'Moses led us out of Egypt, but we don't know what has happened to him. Make us gods who will lead us.' ²⁴So I told the people, 'Take off your gold jewelry.' When they gave me the gold, I threw it into the fire and out came this calf!' We are afraid of future(Moses gone 40 days). Let's secure future... gold. Money. Make god.*

When money is approached in a wrong way, we make money a god. Becomes obsession. We withhold.

b. This type of person may struggle to tithe: *Struggle to start tithing – or they start/stop (a bill came!) If you live for God. God will tell you specific times.. to give.*

1. They fear that God is going to put them in that position/make them feel like the past

c. They may struggle to obey God and give: *What if I don't have enough later?*

1. *They don't break that fear* 2. *They miss out on blessing* 3. *They may never get ahead*

3. **This type of person hates to spend:** *I won't have enough!*

a. **Proverbs 11:24** *... there is one who withholds more than is right, But it leads to poverty.*

1. If money is causing conflict with those you love – there is a problem

a. Not talking about surprise spending without consultation: *You bought a boat???*

1. *You discuss the possibility or the need to buy/spend: It's war!*

2. If money is causing intense emotional reactions with those you love – there is a problem

a. *Making everyone in the family suffer because you are afraid to spend any money*

4. **An extreme version of fear in money manifests in hoarding:** *Holding on to unnecessary junk*

a. *I can't let go of this stuff: What if I need it later? I could sell it! This is good stuff!*

1. *Causing emotional reaction in you: Something's wrong!* 2. *Causing conflict with family – something's wrong!*

C. Rejection and Spending

1. Some are the opposite: They view money as a way to fix their negative emotions

a. To this person – money produces emotions; *It makes them feel certain ways*

2. **Some use money as a drug:** *A way to escape problems*

a. *I'm sad/stressed – so I go shopping: My problems go away with the thrill of buying*

1. Shopping is the same as alcohol/drugs – and every bit as addictive

3. **Some use money as medicine:** *Trying to heal a negative emotion inside*

a. Rejection is an assault of your worth/value

b. So some people use buying things to try and produce a feeling of value

1. *I wear designer labels/designer bags/shoes: I'm worth more b/c I have better shoes!*

2. *I buy a car of worth – so I am worth more!*

a. What you wear/drive/own – DOES NOT change what you are inside!!

c. This type of heart usually produces debt: *They will overspend to try and buy worth*

4. **Some use money as competition:** *Keeping up with the Jones's*

a. If I have more than you/something better than you: I then have worth – more worth than you

1. *SA housing complex – could see people's houses. Competition: If one bought a BMW – soon a neighbor would buy a BMW convertible. If one installed a pool – one would install a pool with a fancy slide. I bought a basic single axle trailer to haul equipment. Neighbor bought double-axle trailer with a fancy paint job.*

II. MONEY AND A POVERTY MENTALITY

A. Rejection is an opinion of our worth/value - that we get from other people: *No good/worthless*

1. It becomes especially destructive when you accept the opinion – and agree with it

B. This plays out in how some rejected people view money

1. **The guilt syndrome:** People who have been told they don't deserve/they'll never amount to anything

a. But then they get some money/can buy decent things/succeed in job-business

b. This causes inner turmoil: *I shouldn't have this! I don't deserve this!*

1. *Proverbs 10:22 The blessing of the LORD makes one rich, And He adds no sorrow with it.*

a. *They don't enjoy blessings* b. *Feel compelled to give it away: I shouldn't have this* c. *They sabotage their blessing*

2. **The poverty syndrome:** People who have accepted rejection – feel they have no worth/less worth

a. How they live financially will wind up matching their opinion of themselves

1. Everything they have is low class/broken/trashed/junk: *It matches their opinion of their worth*

b. If you give someone with a poverty mentality something nice: *They will soon trash it to match their mindset*

III. A HEALTHY VIEW OF MONEY

A. Look at the road to financial health

1. **Be healed of whatever pain affects your viewpoint**

2. **Form a correct view of your worth/value:** *That comes from God's opinion!*

3. **Begin to see money correctly:**

a. **Money is a tool:** *You use it to help in life...God/yourself/other people*

1. *Proverbs 11:25-26 The generous soul will be made rich, And he who waters will also be watered himself. ²⁶The people will curse him who withholds grain, But blessing will be on the head of him who sells it.*

b. **God does not mind His children being blessed financially**

1. *Abraham very rich...* 2. *Paul: Learned to abound...* 3. **Romans 8:32** *He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all--how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things?*

c. **The key to financial health and prosperity is generous releasing of money**

1. *Proverbs 11:24-25 There is one who scatters, yet increases more...²⁵The generous soul will be made rich, And he who waters will also be watered himself.*

The farmer needs to get more seed... how does he do that? Scatters/plants seed.

a. Release to God: *Tithing/offerings* b. Give to people

