



Enough Generosity Campaign Overview

One of Jesus' great teaching parables involves a sower who cast seed along the ground. The sower hoped the seeds would sprout, grow, and bear good fruit. Some seeds did just that, producing a great harvest. But others, Jesus said, fell among thorns and, though they began to grow, these good plants were quickly choked out. Jesus said the thorns were "the cares of the world and the lure of wealth" (Matthew 13:22).

In a culture where having "enough" seems to have become a never-ending pursuit, Jesus' parable remains incredibly relevant. Many of us are chasing the American dream in ways that lead to stress, anxiety, and fear—thorns that can rob us of the ability to enjoy the abundant lives of purpose that God intended for us.

All of us have struggled with these issues at one time or another. They are important issues that we cannot ignore. This is why, over the next four weeks, we will be having a churchwide study and worship emphasis called Enough: Discovering Joy Through Simplicity and Generosity. During this time, we will explore what the

Bible teaches us about financial management through corporate worship and small group study. Please let us know if you're interested in joining a small group to learn more during this season by e-mailing jennifer@atlantafirstumc.org or calling the church office (404.524.6614)! We'll hear expert advice and stories about what others have learned by working through financial challenges. Each week we will provide you with some practical tools you can use to assess your financial situation and develop a financial plan with a biblical foundation.

At the conclusion of the emphasis, we will have the opportunity to make personal commitments of our offerings to God through our church in the coming year. We will consecrate these commitments in the worship service on two consecutive Sundays.

I hope you will join us in the coming weeks as we look at how we can manage our financial resources and truly experience simplicity, generosity, and joy.

Schedule of Events

October 6, 2019 "When Dreams Become Nightmares"

October 13, 2019 "Wisdom and Finance"

October 20, 2019 "Cultivating Contentment"

October 27, 2019 "Defined by Generosity"

November 5, 2019 Small Group Study Ends

November 3, 2019 Consecration Sunday 1

November 10, 2019 Consecration Sunday 2

November 17, 2019 Celebration Sunday