

**Good News Series**  
**Kingdom Currency**  
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### Opening/Introduction

-We are going camp out in the series for a while...

- **There is The Gospel (go over phrase we use)**
- Then there is much more “good news” in Scripture

-Tonight: **God always has your best interest at heart.**

-But be patient with me, it’s going to take some time to get there...

### Some Bible History

**-Did you know...**

- 16 of the 38 parables of Christ deal with money!
- 1 out of every 12 verses in the NT address money!
- According to Christianity Today, the Bible has 500 vss on prayer, less than 500 vss on faith, over 2,000 on money and possessions!
- Seven kinds of coins referenced in the NT

-Lepton or Quadran (worth 2 Leptons)/Widow’s Mite **(Mark 12:42)**

-Drachma **(Luke 15:8)** - interesting coin because it was not in circulation during Jesus’ time (replaced by the Roman denarius) but a bride’s portion of a dowry was often from coin that had been passed down from mother to daughter for generations

-Didrachma **(Matthew 17:24)** – two Drachma’s

-Tetradrachma or Shekel **(Mark 11:15-18)** – four drachma, Herod’s coin, produced in the Jerusalem mint beginning in 18BC...only coin accepted by Temple (explain money changers)

-Assarius **(Matthew 10:29)** – 1/10 of a denarius

-Denarius **(Matthew 18:28)** – mina and talent refer to money but in terms of weights of silver rather than the name of the coin itself...most referenced coin in the NT, 16 times.

**-So why so much detail and attention in the NT when it comes to currency and coins?**

1. historicity > credibility > trustworthy > authoritative (also infallible and inspired)
2. Here's the other reason...there is a transactional nature to life with God that is often overlooked or misunderstood.

**Our Father**

-What does this have to do with God always having our best interest at heart...I'm going to get there, I promise!

-John 2:13-17 / Mark 11:15-17 (reference only...bookend Jesus' 3 years)

*These people were taking advantage of those coming to worship, those coming to make sacrifices and offerings...it's like buying a bottle of water at the airport or at an amusement park...you don't have another option! And those people at the Temple were taking advantage...*

*This was abhorrent to Jesus because people's view of God is NOT supposed to be one of manipulation and entrapment!*

**Matthew 6:9-13**

*God always has your best interest at heart is how the Lord's Prayer begins! That's why "Our Father..." is the opening! (preach some here)*

*Jesus is angry at these people profiteering off of the vulnerable of course because God doesn't like injustice...but ALSO because their practice contradicts the revelation they SHOULD be experiencing at a place of worship...GOD ALWAYS HAS YOUR BEST INTEREST AT HEART!*

**This belief is vital for many reasons but one is most certainly for the times when He comes to you like those temple marketplace vendors and asks you to make an exchange with Him.**

**Kingdom Currency**

-(tell FNANB story)

**-Psalm 37:4**

*...this is true in two ways, first in that He works to bring your desires to fruition but it is also true that He gives you those desires to make you rich with Kingdom currency...the drachma, the denarius of Kingdom exchange.*

**I'm talking about the privilege of spending something (a desire) that belongs to us for the opportunity to invest in something (an assignment) that matters to God!**

**Band**

-Acts 16:6-10

- From me to we...this is the inspiration of our leadership model
- A Kingdom Currency moment...a transaction

*-Your heart is full of desires...some of those desires are present because God intends to bring them to fruition. Others are there to make you rich with the currency of the Kingdom of Heaven, for the privilege of spending something (your desire) that belongs to you for the opportunity to invest in something (an assignment) that matters to God!*