

P3 Protocol

A Marked Man is a *gracious and generous* man.

Generosity Protocol #2: Money

Jesus taught more about money than any other single topic. Jesus saw its usefulness but warned his disciples that it could be a snare to the true kingdom and an idol that could lead them away from the true worship of God. This P3 protocol will help each man by wrestling with the teaching of Jesus regarding money and then wrestle with the role money plays the man's life. Each man will be invited into the wounds that he has around the issue of money and find the healing that comes from Jesus Christ. (Always include Prayer)

Check in:

After a general check in round, move a little deeper towards the heart by asking one of these questions:

Has your wealth status changed from what you had growing up? That is, are you richer, poorer or about the same? Why is that?

Describe a situation growing up where you were singled out for being rich or poor. How did you feel then? Does it affect you still today?

Clearing/Safety:

In addition to the usual clearing, this protocol will deal with your heart issues around money. Issues like, wealth, income, debt, money might be "on the table". Are you clear with your brothers in the circle so that you can be strong for them in their need as well as vulnerable to honestly look at your own wounds with them in this topic? If so, verbally indicate such during this clearing, or if not, do the hard work of humbling yourself before God or with another brother before entering sacred space.

Scripture

Here are some stories and teachings our savior spoke while he was among us on earth. Watch your time. Leave 1-hour for the work round. Read several passages, then go around and answer these questions:

What is Jesus teaching in this passage?

How does it make me feel?

What a I going to do now?

Mark 12: 41 - 44	Widow's mite
Luke 8: 1 - 3	Women help Jesus from their means
Matt 17: 24 - 27	Temple tax and the fish
Matt 22: 17 - 22	Paying taxes to Caesar
Luke 10: 35 -37	Good Samaritan
Luke 18: 18 - 25	Rich young ruler
Matt 6: 19 - 21	Treasure in heaven
Matt 13: 22	Deceitfulness of wealth
Matt 6: 24	2 masters
Matt 8: 18 - 20	Foxes have holes

Work Round

(Always include Prayer)

Every man is to take out his wallet and hold it in his hands in front of him. Go around and answer these questions:

What is the primary feeling as you look at this object representing your financial power?

Denial: "I'm fine. I'm doing everything right. Other lies about the importance of wealth."

Fear: "I don't know how I'm going to make it! I might lose everything!"

Anger: "I'll show them! I'm going to make it on my own! It's all mine!"

Sadness: Grief over loss or debt. "I can't even provide for my family."

Shame: "I don't measure up. Others make more than I do."

What are the voices in your head or the voices of others telling you in regards to money?

Exercise: (have a bandana ready)

1. Every willing man should take a turn "in the center of the circle" with a facilitator of his choice.
2. After the man prays for a willing heart, he hands the facilitator the wallet and then removes his sight (using a bandana).
3. The facilitator then hands the wallet to a group of men standing in front of the man and the facilitator tells him; "imagine these men are digging through your wallet and other financial information now". Men are making whispering sound as if they are looking at and commenting on these things (they are not opening the wallet, only acting as if they are). They are also commenting on issues of income, debt, giving, luxury expenses etc. The facilitator helps the man go into the wound by exposing his feelings and deepest longings and fears. The whispering group cue off of what he is saying to "turn up the volume" of his dilemma. When the man is sufficiently into his wound, the healing phase can start.

REMEMBER: To use your G.U.T.S. with GOD training when asking questions

4. One man, designated as Jesus, then takes the wallet as others are silenced and removes the man's bandana and they hold the wallet together with their hands and Jesus speaks the words from the scripture that best apply to this man's situation, ending with words of peace, love and comfort as well as challenge such as "follow me" or "take up your cross". The facilitator asks if the man needs prayers of healing and if so he kneels with all men laying hands and 3 men pray for what he desires.
5. When the man is complete, they de-roll and the next willing man can go through the exercise with a different facilitator and Jesus role player.

Check out:

How has this exercise changed your attitude about money?
What are you going to do differently because of that attitude shift?