

Practical Atheist

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I Believe in God, But I Trust in Money

Proverbs 3:5-6 says, *“Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.”*

Jesus said this, in Luke 12:34, *“For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”*

Practical Atheist: *Someone who believes in God but lives as if He does not exist.*

Additional Notes:



Week of February 12th, 2012

These talking points, questions, and scriptures are designed to help you grow deeper in your relationship with God and others. If you're leading a group through this guide, don't feel like you have to answer every question. Pick out those questions that will stir up conversation and action among your group.

- **What is the one thing you would describe as your most valuable possession? Why is it so valuable to you?**

With your Bible read Isaiah 29:13

- **What are some of the “treasures” or possessions in your life currently distracting you from focusing on God? What specific things can you do to remove these distractions?**

Read I Timothy 6:10: *For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.*

Read Luke 16:13: *“No servant can serve two masters. Either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and Money.”*

- **Practical atheists tend to trust money to provide happiness and/or security. Has there been a time in your life where you trusted money to provide these things? If so, how has it affected your relationship with God?**
- **Has there been a time in your life when you decided to put your trust in God rather than in money. If so, what did that experience teach you about God?**
- **Jesus said it is more blessed to give than to receive. Describe a time you gave sacrificially and the affect it had on you. Is there any way you could give even more sacrificially? If so, what would it be?**

Final thought: *With your group pray for God to help you focus more on Him rather money. Pray God helps you obtain true contentment through Him.*