



These are simple but revealing money moments—real life situations involving our money with underlying motives and messages guiding our choices, resulting in real consequences. Often I see couples who chose their lifestyle before they chose their life; bought their houses before they thought about their homes; and people who chose the pursuit of wealth and lost the pursuit of Christ. As my dad says, this can go from “preachin’ to meddlin’!” As you explore these *moments*, ask God to reveal himself to you.

- To what end are you working so hard?
- In your efforts to gain, what might you be losing?
- How much of your efforts are focused solely to yourself? How much to serving others?
- What message are you giving your children if you were to give them more things, but less time?

## Talking about *LIFE* and *LIFESTYLE* Conversation Starters



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- What is your lifestyle communicating to your children about money?
  
- How would you rate your joy from a time when you may have had less, compared to now when you may have more?
  
- What do you own that you don't really need, and what is it costing you to keep it?
  
- If you chose to experiment, what would need to change if you were decrease your spending budget by 10%? 20%?
  
- What percentage of your spending is based on what you **HAVE** to pay, **NEED** to pay, or **WANT** to pay?



- **If you could sell your house for a profit and purchase a smaller one, potentially simplifying your budget and creating more financial margin, would you do it? Why, or why not?**
  
- **To what extent are your financial decisions influenced by what others think? By what God thinks?**
  
- **What role does generosity and giving play in your financial plans?**
  
- **Write a prayer that encompasses your desire to want God and pursue God as you explore your money moments.**