The background of the slide is a collage of various US currency. It includes several \$100 bills, some \$20 bills, and several pennies. The bills are slightly faded and overlapping, creating a textured, monochromatic look. The text is centered over this background.

Money Mania

Matthew 6:24; Luke 15:11-13

Sermon Series: Coming Home

Matthew 6:24 (NIV)

- *"No one 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."*

Luke 15:11-13 (NIV)

- *"There was a man who had two sons. ¹²The younger one said to his father, 'Father, give me my share of the estate.' So he divided his property between them.*
- *¹³Not long after that, the younger son got together all he had, set off for a distant country and there squandered his wealth in wild living."*

4 Alluring Qualities of Money

- **1. *Money promises security for the future***
- Luke 12:15 (NIV), "*Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; a man's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions.*"

4 Alluring Qualities of Money (cont'd)

- Luke 12:16-19 (NIV), *"The ground of a certain rich man produced a good crop. ¹⁷He thought to himself, 'What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops.'*
- *¹⁸Then he said, 'This is what I'll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. ¹⁹And I'll say to myself, 'You have plenty of good things laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry.' "*

4 Alluring Qualities of Money (cont'd)

- To worship money means to ascribe attributes to money that rightfully belong to God alone.
- ***God wants us to trust Him, not our money, for the future.***
- Proverbs 30:8-9 (NIV), *“Give me neither poverty nor riches, but give me only my daily bread. ⁹ Otherwise, I may have too much and disown you and say, ‘Who is the LORD ?’”*

4 Alluring Qualities of Money (cont'd)

- *Second, God never meant for us to quit working and lead lives of luxury .*
- *Luke 12:20 (NIV), "But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?'"*

4 Alluring Qualities of Money (cont'd)

- Proverbs 11:4 (NIV) reminds us that, *“Wealth is worthless in the day of wrath.”*
- **2. Money relieves stress**
- *“As goods increase, so do those who consume them. And what benefit are they to the owner except to feast his eyes on them? ¹² The sleep of a laborer is sweet, whether he eats little or much, but the abundance of a rich man permits him no sleep.” (Ecclesiastes 5:11-12 NIV)*

4 Alluring Qualities of Money (cont'd)

- **3. *Money can fulfill our desires***
- If only I had X number of dollars I could...
- Build that home;
- Drive that car;
- Take that trip;
- Wear those clothes.

4 Alluring Qualities of Money (cont'd)

- 1 Timothy 6:9 (NIV), *“People who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge men into ruin and destruction.”*
- Notice the two kinds of desires linked to money.

4 Alluring Qualities of Money (cont'd)

- ***Foolish Desires:*** Let's translate foolish as frivolous.
- ***Harmful Desires***
- ***4. Money can provide us with independence***

Using Money Without Loving It

- How can a Christian possess money without being possessed by it?
- **1. *We must use money without worshipping it.***

Using Money Without Loving It (cont'd)

- 1 Timothy 6:17 (NIV), *“Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment.”*

Using Money Without Loving It (cont'd)

- **2. *We must save money without hoarding it.***
- Solomon wrote that he had witnessed “*riches being hoarded by their owner to his hurt*” (Ecclesiastes 5:13).
- What are biblical reasons for saving money?

Biblical Reasons for Saving Money

- ***To provide for future needs-***
- Proverbs 6:6-9 (NIV):
- *“Go to the ant, you sluggard;
consider its ways and be wise!*
- *⁷ It has no commander,
no overseer or ruler,*
- *⁸ yet it stores its provisions in summer
and gathers its food at harvest.*
- *⁹ How long will you lie there, you sluggard?
When will you get up from your sleep?”*

Biblical Reasons for Saving Money (cont'd)

- *To provide for our families' current needs-*
- 1 Timothy 5:8 (NIV), *“If anyone does not provide for his relatives, and especially for his immediate family, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.”*

Biblical Reasons for Saving Money (cont'd)

- *To protect against adversity-*
- Solomon wrote in Proverbs 10:15 (NIV), *“The wealth of the rich is their fortified city, but poverty is the ruin of the poor.”*

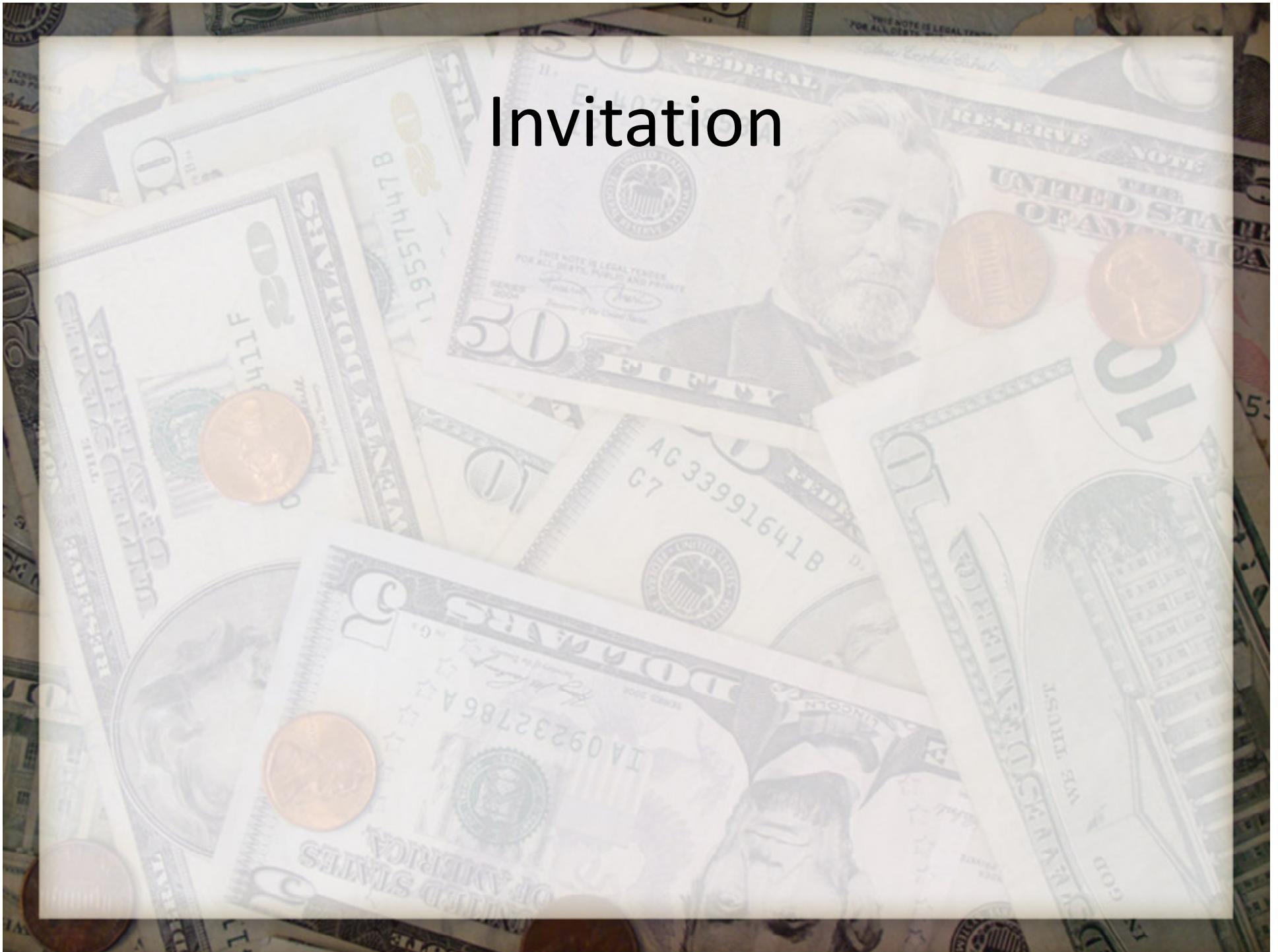
Biblical Reasons for Saving Money (cont'd)

- *To provide for unexpected ministry needs-*
- 1 Corinthians 16:2 (NIV), *“On the first day of every week, each one of you should set aside a sum of money in keeping with his income, saving it up, so that when I come no collections will have to be made.”*

Using Money Without Loving It (cont'd)

- **3. Money is to be accumulated without being trusted.**
- Yes, the Bible teaches that “*a rich man’s wealth is his fortress.*” But notice what else the Bible teaches: “*The wealth of the rich is their fortified city; they imagine it an unscalable wall*” (**Proverbs 18:11 NIV**).

Invitation



Proposed Wednesday Changes

- Next Sunday morning, we will be voting on some proposed schedule changes for Wednesday evening.
- The Administrative Business Council proposes the following changes:

Proposed Wednesday Changes

- Offering free Marital Arts lessons as an outreach to the unchurched in our community (ages 6-12 years of age) at 7pm on Wednesday evenings in the gym to be lead by Pastor Bryan.
- There would be only 20 slots available and potential candidates would have to fill out an application to be reviewed and approved by the Administrative Business Council.

Proposed Wednesday Changes

- We would advertise this ministry through newspaper advertisement, website, flyers, and HIS radio.
- Applications would start being accepted on Monday, May 31st. An “open house” for candidates and their families would be held on Monday, June 14th at 7pm in the gym.

Proposed Wednesday Changes

- In addition to this Marital Arts ministry, we would offer at least two adult Bible studies:
- “How Current Events Fit Into Biblical Prophecy”
- A Grief Support Group
- These would be offered at 7:15pm.

Proposed Wednesday Changes

- All adults would meet in the sanctuary at 7pm to go over the prayer list and have a time of corporate prayer before going into a Bible study.
- Choir Practice would remain at 7:50 pm.

Proposed Wednesday Changes

- We would still offer Mission Friends, GA's, and RA's for children who do not want to participate in the Marital Arts ministry.
- The vision of this Martial Arts Ministry is to reach out to the unchurched with the hope and expectation of leading them and their families to Jesus Christ and assimilating them into New Hope as active members.