



Thriving in Tough Economic Times

NEXT, PART 2

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Matthew 5:14, 16

ULTIMATE VALUES

GOD

LOVE

GRACE

- Your story when we attach ourselves to Jesus — a *“Good News”*; *light-shaped story*.

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Matthew 6:24

- Our story shaped by powerful dark forces of this current world-bound reality.

MAMMON

SELF

PERFORMANCE

[This is our *default religion*.]

TO THRIVE IN TOUGH ECONOMIC TIMES...

1. GIVE, INVEST, SPEND ON GOD... TITHE
2. SIMPLIFY
3. *Enjoy*, no really *enjoy what you have!*

How To Ruin a Good Thing

- ✓ We ruin it by thinking there is something better somewhere, sometime, someone else.
- ✓ We ruin it by feeling guilty for having.
- ✓ We ruin it by clinging to it.

INSTEAD: *Savor* and *favor!*

4. GET ON THE SAME PAGE AS GOD AS TO “WHY?” (i.e. the purpose)
5. TRUST THE PROMISES!

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Matthew 6:31–34

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[This is our _____.]

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