



Ladies for Jesus Thursday Night Bible Study

Companion Book: Radical by David Platt

Chapter Six: *How Much is Enough?*

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All of us who have the privilege of living in the United States of America, regardless of our tax bracket, have been blessed materially in incredible ways. This, in and of itself, is not a bad thing. However, we are responsible for how we decide to respond to our material blessings. We can selfishly keep them for our own comfort and pleasure. Or we can have our perspective transformed with the rest of us through faith in Jesus Christ and follow Him to help meet the needs of the afflicted in the world. Either way we will stand before Him and answer for our decision one day, and our answer will ring for eternity.

What is in your heart? Is it the Holy Spirit? Are you allowing Him to show you the blind spots in your life where you are not doing His Work here on earth? The parables of the talents (Matthew 25:14-30) and the description of Jesus separating the sheep and goats at the final judgment (Matthew 25:31-46) is a direct teaching from Jesus that if we don't show our faith by our works, then our faith is in question. Our works cannot save us, but they show the depth of our belief of Christ in our hearts. James tells us directly that faith without works is dead (James 2:14-17). As Christians, who have the Holy Spirit indwelling us, these Scriptures should stir our hearts to take a serious look at the resources the Lord has blessed us with and how we are using those resources. This is not only monetarily, but our time and talents as well. How are these Scriptures affecting your Christian walk today?

Reflecting with you, Kelly