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Chapter 8: Beyond the 15th Hole*

Discussion Sheet

Scriptural Foundation: "Do not worry about tomorrow." *Matthew 6:34 (NIV)*

God's Instructions: Philippians 2:5-11; 2 Timothy 4:7

1. What thoughts or feelings hold you back whenever you decide to try and 'cross the 15th hole'?

2. John Wesley said, "... wherever true Christianity spreads, it must cause diligence and frugality, which, in the natural course of things, must beget riches! And riches naturally beget pride, love of the world, and every temper that is destructive of Christianity." Do you agree or disagree? Give real life examples to support your comments.

3. Comparing where you are today with ten or twenty years ago, is your pendulum now swinging more towards the 'others' side or the 'me' side? Give one or two examples to support your answer.

4. Share your thoughts on Brooks' comment, "If your profoundest interest is dying children in Africa or Bangladesh, it's probably best to go to Africa or Bangladesh, not to Wall Street."

5. Is there any direct implication between the fact that "Jesus chose not just to *help* the poor, or even simply to *live with* the poor, but to actually *be* poor" and how I live my life as a 21st century Christian?

6. What practical changes can you make in your financial life (working, earning, spending, giving) to give yourself "the single-minded determination to play right through to the clubhouse"?

7. To Do List: _____

* To be completed after reading Chapter 8 of *HELP! I've Been Blessed!* by Julian Archer.

Free Resources:



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