

### Money, Sex, & Power Season 1, Episode 7



*No issues touch us more profoundly or more universally. No themes are more inseparably intertwined. No topics cause more controversy. No human realities have greater power to bless or to curse. No three things have been more sought after or are more in need of a Christian response*  
(Richard Foster, *Money, Sex and Power*, p. 1).

#### **MAKING CONNECTIONS**

Dr. Tillman poses these questions for further reflection in his book, *Christian Ethics, A Triadic Structure*. You can find the chapters here. ([Chapter 7 - Money](#) | [Chapter 8 - Sex](#) | [Chapter 9 - Power](#))

#### **Money**

Agree or disagree with this observation: at the current rate of consumption, we are killing the planet.

Read Galatians 3:28>”There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus” (Galatians 3:28, NRSV). Do you see the three large issue areas of life in the verse? Where does "neither slave nor free" fit with "money"?

#### **Sex**

If you had opportunity to design a "sex education" program for your congregation, what would it look like and why? Would it be different from anything you were taught from childhood on; or, would those experiences provide rationale for why you develop your program like you would?

What are the challenges toward understanding and applying the concepts of "the image of God" and agape? Do you have ideas toward how the challenges can at least be met?

#### **Power**

What about the appearance of Galbraith's three types of power in the Church? How does one recognize the inappropriate expression of power over against the appropriate use?

What are the challenges of implementing persuasive forms of power in a context of narcissism?