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Romans 12:1-2
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The table of bread is now to be made ready. It is the table of company with Jesus, and all who love him.

It is the table of sharing with the poor of the world, with whom Jesus identified himself.

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So come to this table, you who have much faith and you who would like to have more; you who have been here often and you who have not been for a long time; you who have tried to follow Jesus, and you who have failed.

Come. It is Christ who invites us to meet him here. ...
Loving God,
through your goodness
we have this bread and wine to offer,
which has come forth from the earth
and human hands have made.

May we know your presence in the sharing,
so that we may know your touch
and presence in all things. ...

We celebrate the life that Jesus has shared
among his community through the centuries,
and shares with us now.

Made one in Christ
and one with each other,
we offer these gifts and with them ourselves,
A single, living act of praise.

Amen.
Open Table
Profit & Loss
Friday 3 Aug

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Let these questions prime the pump:

What are your core values?
What do we put our confidence/trust in?
What retains its value and resists depreciation?
Is there any worth or profit when we breathe our last?
What on Earth is the ultimate point of all this acquisition (think Luke 12:16-21 and Jesus with the parable of the man convinced we’re gonna’ need a bigger barn)?
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Trailer | “The Big Short” (clip here)
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Household Debt-to-income Ratios

Australian household debt to income at a new all time high.

Sources: National Sources; OECD; Thomson Reuters
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Matthew 6:19-34 (NLT)

19 “Don’t store up treasures here on earth, where moths eat them and rust destroys them, and where thieves break in and steal. 20 Store your treasures in heaven, where moths and rust cannot destroy, and thieves do not break in and steal. 21 **Wherever your treasure is, there the desires of your heart will also be.**

22 “Your eye is like a lamp that provides light for your body. When your eye is healthy, your whole body is filled with light. 23 But when your eye is unhealthy, your whole body is filled with darkness. And if the light you think you have is actually darkness, how deep that darkness is!

24 **No one can serve two masters. For you will hate one and love the other; you will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and be enslaved to money.**

25 “That is why I tell you not to worry about everyday life—whether you have enough food and drink, or enough clothes to wear. Isn’t life more than food, and your body more than clothing? ...

26 Look at the birds. They don’t plant or harvest or store food in barns, for your heavenly Father feeds them. And aren’t you far more valuable to him than they are? 27 Can all your worries add a single moment to your life?

28 “And why worry about your clothing? Look at the lilies of the field and how they grow. They don’t work or make their clothing, 29 yet Solomon in all his glory was not dressed as beautifully as they are. 30 And if God cares so wonderfully for wildflowers that are here today and thrown into the fire tomorrow, he will certainly care for you. Why do you have so little faith?

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34 “So don’t worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring its own worries. Today’s trouble is enough for today.
Paul on Profit & Loss

Philippians 3:1-11, esp. 6-9 (NLT)

6 As for righteousness, I obeyed the law without fault. 7 I once thought these things were valuable, but now I consider them worthless because of what Christ has done. 8 Yes, everything else is worthless when compared with the infinite value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have discarded everything else, counting it all as crap, so that I could gain Christ 9 and become one with him.

Matthew 10:39 (NLT)

If you cling to your life, you will lose it; but if you give up your life for me, you will find it.

For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, AND lose his own soul?

Mark 8:36
The Enterprise | “The Big Short Explained” (clip here)

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