

Mastering Money Part 1

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I. Introduction.

- A. People need to get an education about their money.
- B. Money is a resource for ministry. (Luke 10)
- C. Texts: Psalm 62:1, I Timothy 6:11, Matthew 6:21.
- D. There is a difference between loving money and using it.

II. Earning money.

- A. We must work for money. (Genesis 3:19, 1:28)
- B. A person will not succeed without hard work.
- C. Do your work as unto the Lord. (Colossians 2:23)
- D. Provide for your own family. (I Timothy 5:8)
- E. Work to provide for others in the ministry. (Acts 20:33-35)

III. Saving. (Proverbs 32:3, 27:12)

- A. We save in order to give and to meet future needs.
- B. There is a difference between meeting to hoard up money and saving for future needs.
- C. Live on less than what you make. As your income goes up, your lifestyle does not need to follow it.

IV. Spending.

- A. Avoid advertising that makes a person discontent.
- B. Be careful about spending—buy value that lasts.
- C. Be wary of debt.
 - A. There is good debt and bad debt.
 - B. Bad debt like vehicle debt is the kind that depreciates.
- D. Buy a used car and take care of it.

VIII. Learn to invest.

IX. Giving.

A. Give according to how God blesses.

B. Use money wisely. You can still have fun, but be wise with your resources. (I Timothy 6:17)

Application questions:

1. How would you respond to someone who says that saving is not Biblical?

2. What is the difference between bad debt and good debt?

3. What two or three principles did you find most valuable in the message? Explain.
