

The Godly Man as Christ's Representative

Financial Responsibility

Money represents life because we must invest our lives to acquire it. Money is neither good nor bad, but becomes so only in the context of its use. It is a medium of exchange. Since it represents life, we are responsible for its use and handling. I Corinthians 4:2 "Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful."



Financial Truths

1. Who really owns the world's riches? Haggai 2:8
2. Who gives us our ability to make money? Deuteronomy 8:18, I Corinthians 4:7
3. Match up some of the pitfalls of money with their appropriate scriptures:

<input type="checkbox"/> Forgetting God	1. Proverbs 30:8-9
<input type="checkbox"/> Stop trusting God	2. I Timothy 6:10
<input type="checkbox"/> Being deceived	3. Mark 4:19
<input type="checkbox"/> Falling in love with money	4. Deuteronomy 8:12-14
<input type="checkbox"/> Trusting a fleeting commodity	5. Proverbs 23:4-5
<input type="checkbox"/> Becoming ungrateful	6. Matthew 6:24
<input type="checkbox"/> Becoming double minded	7. Malachi 3:8
<input type="checkbox"/> Robbing God	8. Proverbs 11:28 (Living)

“Trust in your money and down you go! Trust in God and flourish as a tree.”

4. Do you feel prosperity or poverty is more spiritually helpful?
- Why?

5. List a principle in finances from the following scriptures: Proverbs 20:4, Proverbs 14:23, II Thessalonians 3:10 The principle is:

6. Proverbs 21:20 (Living) says, “The wise man saves for the future, but the foolish man spends whatever he gets.” What principle do we find in this verse regarding finances?

7. Proverbs 16:9 (Living) says, "We should make plans - counting on God to direct us." How does this apply in finances?

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8. Proverbs 17:18 (Living) says, "It is poor judgment to countersign another's note, to become responsible for his debts." What does this warn us against?

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9. What is our condition when we owe money? Proverbs 22:7

10. Many people stay in debt because of a continuing practice of buying items which depreciate rapidly. Watch out for this trap. Romans 13:8 says we are to owe others only



11. God, in Philippians 4:19, has promised to provide our

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12. What is the difference between wants and needs?

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13. In Matthew 4:6, 7, the devil tempted Jesus to the sin of presumption. How can this sin be committed in the financial realm?

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14. If you are short of money, answering the following questions may reveal to you the reason why this is true:

- a. Do I really need it?
- b. Is God testing my faith?
- c. Did I mis-spend the money God has already given me?
- d. Have I violated the financial principles?

Match the scriptures with the principles:

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| (.....) Stinginess | 1. Luke 12:15 |
| (.....) Hastiness | 2. Proverbs 11:24, 25 |
| (.....) Stubbornness | 3. Proverbs 28:19, 20 |
| (.....) Laziness | 4. Proverbs 21:5 |
| (.....) Gluttony | 5. Proverbs 20:13 |
| (.....) Get-Rich-Quick Schemes | 6. Proverbs 23:21 |
| (.....) Coveteousness | 7. Proverbs 13:18 |

The Principle of Giving

Another important principle in finances is giving. We will search for truths regarding why, how, and where to give.

1. In the light of Deuteronomy 14:23b (Living), “the purpose of tithing is to teach you always to put God first in your lives.”

Why do you feel God instituted tithing?

2. God is not nearly as interested in raising money as He is in raising children.

What has God promised to those who give faithfully? Malachi 3:10

3. What would be the opposite effort which could come upon those who do not give faithfully? Malachi 3:11

4. List some principles of giving to be found in II Corinthians 9:6-15

5. List some principles of giving to be found in II Corinthians 8:1-15

6. Where should we give?

a. Galatians 6:6

b. Proverbs 19:17

c. James 2:15-16

d. I Corinthians 9:11-14

Assignment

In the light of this study, discuss your financial situation with your wife to see if some changes need to be made. If they do, and you are in agreement, put them into effect immediately.

Suggestions For Further Study

Tape 1267AB - Financial Responsibility, Gene Warr

How to Live on your Income, Readers Digest Association, Pleasantville, New York

Guide to Personal Finance by Sal Nuccio, Harper & Row Publishers

You Can Be Financially Free by George Fooshee, Revell