

Money

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I. Introduction.

II. Characteristics of Money.

A. Money represents time in our society.

B. Money is uncertain. It chokes the Word, which makes us fruitful. It is deceitful. It can lose its value fast. (1 Timothy 6, Mark 4:19, Matthew 13:22, Proverbs 23:25, James)

C. Money is dangerous because it can become a god. (Matthew 19:23-20)

D. The advantages of being poor are that you never have to worry about being kidnapped or maintaining property and riches. (Proverbs 13, Ecclesiastes 5:10)

E. The conditions of finances: serve God only and He will provide. (Matthew 6), Luke 19:9-10)

F. Obtaining financial freedom: work with your hands, work so that you might have something to share, obtain money by buying and selling, inherit, trade or invest. (1 Thessalonians 4:11-12, 2 Thessalonians 3:10, Acts 20:35, Ephesians 4:28, James, Luke 15:12)

G. God discourages certain practices to obtain money: stealing, gambling, manipulation, begging, practices that are doubtful such as games of chance, leaving God out of the picture, borrowing, and saving. (Proverbs 13:11, Psalm 37:25-26, 2 Kings 5:20-27, Proverbs 28:20, James 4:13-14, 4:22-27, Matthew 4:4, Matthew 6:20-21)

H. We cannot leave God out of the picture. (James 4:13-14)

III. Sharing.

A. Motivation for giving should be love for the Lord. (John 3:16, 14:21, Luke 6:38)

B. God blesses us with the measure that we give out.

C. Budget to give.

D. We are still sinners are being saved by Christ. We have been saved from the penalty of sin, are being saved from the power of sin, and we will be saved from the presence of sin. (Romans 5:10, 1 Peter 1:5)

E. Let every man as he purposes in his heart give because God loves a cheerful giver. (2 Corinthians 9:6-7, Proverbs 11:24, Proverbs 3:9-10)

F. Earthly money can be converted to “heavenly currency” when invested wisely. God will honor spiritually those who honor Him materially. (Luke 16:9, Matthew 19:21, Matthew 9:37, Luke 6:38, Matthew 11:24, Proverbs 3:9-10, Matthew 6:32)

G. It all belongs to God, and all we can do is return what belongs to Him. (2 Corinthians 8:12, Luke 21, Deuteronomy 10:14, Chronicles)

H. We are to give to the church, a need, our teachers and the poor. (1 Corinthians 15:2, 2 Corinthians 8:14, Galatians 6:6)

I. We should know how gifts are being used to support people. (2 Corinthians 8:14, Job 29:16)

J. The Jews were required to give 30%. Tithing is not commanded in the New Testament; instead we use the Old Testament as a model. (Luke 18:12, Philippians 4:17-18)

K. The importance of not borrowing.

Application questions

1. What are means of obtaining money in a God-honoring way?

2. Summarize what it means to share your money in a God-honoring way.

3. Why is remaining debt free important to be able to effectively serve God? Explain.
