



# GOD & YOUR MONEY

Money is a major subject in the bible, it is spoken about more than heaven and hell or even prayer. Money is the thing that's controlled by each of us which is why God gives us so much guidance regarding it. It is a tool only and should never be considered a goal.

# ***GOD MAKES IT CLEAR HOW WE ARE TO UNDERSTAND AND USE MONEY IN OUR LIFE***

1 Timothy 6:3-21 KJV

[3] If any man teach otherwise, and consent not to wholesome words, even the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to the doctrine which is according to godliness; [4] He is proud, knowing nothing, but doting about questions and strifes of words, whereof cometh envy, strife, railings, evil surmisings, [5] Perverse disputings of men of corrupt minds, and destitute of the truth, supposing that gain is godliness: from such withdraw thyself. [6] But godliness with contentment is great gain. [7] For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. [8] And having food and raiment let us be therewith content. [9] But they that will be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition. [10] For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows. [11] But thou, O man of God, flee these things; and follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness. [12] Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses. [13] I give thee charge in the sight of God, who quickeneth all things, and before Christ Jesus, who before Pontius Pilate witnessed a good confession; [14] That thou keep this commandment without spot, unrebukeable, until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ: [15] Which in his times he shall shew, who is the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings, and Lord of lords; [16] Who only hath immortality, dwelling in the light which no man can approach unto; whom no man hath seen, nor can see: to whom be honour and power everlasting. Amen. [17] Charge them that are rich in this world, that they be not highminded, nor trust in uncertain riches, but in the living God, who giveth us richly all things to enjoy; [18] That they do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to distribute, willing to communicate; [19] Laying up in store for themselves a good foundation against the time to come, that they may lay hold on eternal life. [20] O Timothy, keep that which is committed to thy trust, avoiding profane and vain babblings, and oppositions of science falsely so called: [21] Which some professing have erred concerning the faith. Grace be with thee. Amen. God is the source and owner of all wealth.

1. God is the source and owner of all wealth.
2. Be content with what God gives you and always be appreciative of his blessings towards you.
3. Don't hoard the blessings God has given you or put your trust in abundance.
4. Keep your focus on the eternal things to come and not the momentary riches of this world.
5. Avoid being envious of what others have or the desire will grow to become your destruction.
6. Don't tie eminence to abundance, all honor and glory belong to God alone.
7. Be ready and willing to share with others what God has shared with you.

# CONSIDER THE BASIC TEACHING OF SCRIPTURE ABOUT OUR **POSSESSIONS**

*It serves no purpose for us to spend our life in need. God doesn't want us to be destitute, especially when he supplies all our needs. Money is a tool that God uses to test us and reveal our faith. If we are wise with our money and view it in proper perspective, God blesses what we have to serve as a testimony of our faith.*

Luke 12:15-21 KJV

[15] And he said unto them, Take heed, and beware of covetousness: for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth. [16] And he spake a parable unto them, saying, The ground of a certain rich man brought forth plentifully: [17] And he thought within himself, saying, What shall I do, because I have no room where to bestow my fruits? [18] And he said, This will I do: I will pull down my barns, and build greater; and there will I bestow all my fruits and my goods. [19] And I will say to my soul, Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years; take thine ease, eat, drink, and be merry. [20] But God said unto him, Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee: then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided? [21] So is he that layeth up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God.

# CONSIDER THE BASIC TEACHING OF SCRIPTURE ABOUT OUR **GIVING**

*Giving is a form of faith. It's the taking of something we use everyday, that we control completely, and turning it over to God without knowing if God will give it back to us.*

Malachi 3:8-10 KJV

[8] Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings. [9] Ye are cursed with a curse: for ye have robbed me, even this whole nation. [10] Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it.

Haggai 1:5-6 KJV

[5] Now therefore thus saith the Lord of hosts; Consider your ways. [6] Ye have sown much, and bring in little; ye eat, but ye have not enough; ye drink, but ye are not filled with drink; ye clothe you, but there is none warm; and he that earneth wages earneth wages to put it into a bag with holes.

# 7 PROMISES GOD MAKES WITH OUR TITHES

## 1. **MOTIVATION:** *love, nothing to do with deserving*

Deuteronomy 12:6-7 KJV

[6] And thither ye shall bring your burnt offerings, and your sacrifices, and your tithes, and heave offerings of your hand, and your vows, and your freewill offerings, and the firstlings of your herds and of your flocks: [7] And there ye shall eat before the Lord your God, and ye shall rejoice in all that ye put your hand unto, ye and your households, wherein the Lord thy God hath blessed thee.

## 2. **HIS PLAN:**

Malachi 3:10 KJV

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## 3. **HIS PROMISE:**

Proverbs 3:10 KJV

So shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine

## 4. **HIS PROTECTION:**

Malachi 3:11 KJV

[11] And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground; neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the field, saith the Lord of hosts.

## 5. **HIS GENEROSITY:**

Luke 6:38 KJV

[38] Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again.

## 6. **HIS SUFFICIENCY:**

2 Corinthians 9:6-8 KJV

[6] But this I say, He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully. [7] Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver. [8] And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work:

Luke 18:28-30 KJV

[28] Then Peter said, Lo, we have left all, and followed thee. [29] And he said unto them, Verily I say unto you, There is no man that hath left house, or parents, or brethren, or wife, or children, for the kingdom of God's sake, [30] Who shall not receive manifold more in this present time, and in the world to come life everlasting.

*In all that God says about tithes, he wants us to prove him out. Do we trust God with our money or do we see our money as something we have earned independent of him. If we are wise, we will understand that God is the source of ALL our finances. Tithing is the acknowledgement of this. Freedom comes by faith of not being afraid to let go of the things God gives to us in the first place. When we trust God, he rewards that trust so we can be an example to others.*

# MONEY ACCUMULATION

## THE WORLD'S VIEW

1. *Reservoir: collect, contain*
2. *Primary interest, self interest, fulfill my needs*
3. *Focus, all about me, satisfy my wants*
4. *Viewpoint does not satisfy*

## GOD'S VIEW

1. *Foundational value*

Psalm 24:1 KJV

The earth is the Lord's, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein.

2. *Key idea - distribution*

Proverbs 19:17 KJV

He that hath pity upon the poor lendeth unto the Lord ; and that which he hath given will he pay him again.

Ecclesiastes 5:11 KJV

When goods increase, they are increased that eat them: and what good is there to the owners thereof, saving the beholding of them with their eyes?

# GOD GIVES ENCOURAGEMENT AND WARNINGS ABOUT MONEY

## ENCOURAGEMENT

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Acts 20:35 KJV

[35] I have shewed you all things, how that so labouring ye ought to support the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, It is more blessed to give than to receive.

## WARNING

1 Timothy 6:9-11 KJV

[9] But they that will be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition. [10] For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows. [11] But thou, O man of God, flee these things; and follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness.

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# ***GOD'S MASTER FINANCIAL PLAN***

## **ACKNOWLEDGING GOD IN ALL THINGS - TITHE**

Leviticus 27:30-32 KJV

[30] And all the tithe of the land, whether of the seed of the land, or of the fruit of the tree, is the Lord's: it is holy unto the Lord. [31] And if a man will at all redeem ought of his tithes, he shall add thereto the fifth part thereof. [32] And concerning the tithe of the herd, or of the flock, even of whatsoever passeth under the rod, the tenth shall be holy unto the Lord.

## **INSTRUCTIONS ARE CLEAR IN THE AMOUNT - WHOLE TITHE**

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## **MINIMUM PORTION - 10%**

Genesis 28:22 KJV

And this stone, which I have set for a pillar, shall be God's house: and of all that thou shalt give me I will surely give the tenth unto thee.

Leviticus 27:32 KJV

And concerning the tithe of the herd, or of the flock, even of whatsoever passeth under the rod, the tenth shall be holy unto the Lord.

Hebrews 7:2 KJV

To whom also Abraham gave a tenth part of all; first being by interpretation King of righteousness, and after that also King of Salem, which is, King of peace;

2 Corinthians 9:7 KJV

Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver.

## **WHAT CAN I EXPECT?**

Proverbs 3:9-10 KJV

[9] Honour the Lord with thy substance, and with the firstfruits of all thine increase: [10] So shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine.

2 Corinthians 9:6 KJV

But this I say, He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully.

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## **FAILURE TO FOLLOW HIS PLAN**

Ezekiel 7:19 KJV

[19] They shall cast their silver in the streets, and their gold shall be removed: their silver and their gold shall not be able to deliver them in the day of the wrath of the Lord: they shall not satisfy their souls, neither fill their bowels: because it is the stumblingblock of their iniquity.

# GOD USES MONEY....

- 1. ...to teach us to trust in Him.**
- 2. ...to teach us discipline.**
- 3. ...to teach us to depend on Him.**
- 4. ...to test us.**
- 5. ...to bless others through us.**
- 6. ...to teach us patience.**
- 7. ...to teach us management skills.**
- 8. ...to show us His blessings.**
- 9. ...for our testimony.**
- 10. ...to spread His Word.**
- 11. ...to show His love for us.**

Proverbs 3:5-10 KJV

[5] Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. [6] In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths. [7] Be not wise in thine own eyes: fear the Lord, and depart from evil. [8] It shall be health to thy navel, and marrow to thy bones. [9] Honour the Lord with thy substance, and with the firstfruits of all thine increase: [10] So shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine.

Hebrews 13:5 KJV

Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.

Acts 3:6-9 KJV

[6] Then Peter said, Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk. [7] And he took him by the right hand, and lifted him up: and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength. [8] And he leaping up stood, and walked, and entered with them into the temple, walking, and leaping, and praising God. [9] And all the people saw him walking and praising God:

Ecclesiastes 5:10-11 KJV

[10] He that loveth silver shall not be satisfied with silver; nor he that loveth abundance with increase: this is also vanity. [11] When goods increase, they are increased that eat them: and what good is there to the owners thereof, saving the beholding of them with their eyes?

Psalms 4:7 KJV

Thou hast put gladness in my heart, more than in the time that their corn and their wine increased.