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Lesson 7

Money

When we make Jesus Lord of our lives, we give Him control over *all* areas of our life, which includes our finances. Money is something we all need in order to live on this earth. God understands that and has instructions and promises for us concerning finances.

Read 1 Timothy 6:9-11. Many people have erred in reading and understanding these verses. They conclude that money is evil. According to verse 10 it is not money that is evil

rather it is the _____ of money that is the _____ of all evil.

Instead of pursuing money, what are we to pursue (verse 11)?

In Psalm 35:27 we learn of something that God finds delights in. What does God find pleasure in?

3 John 1:2 says that he wishes above _____ things that we may _____ and be in health even as our soul _____.

Read Deuteronomy 8:18. Who is it that gives us power to get wealth?

According to Isaiah 48:17 who teaches us to profit?

After reading these verses do you believe that God wants you to be poor?

Yes No

According to 2 Thessalonians 3:10-12 if we will not work, we should not be able do what?

So, one key to prosperity is work. That is not something that some people want to hear. They think that God is just going to get the money they need to them by sending it in the mail or even just dropping it out of the sky, but God wants us to work and we can even find joy in our work.

In Lesson 6 you read Colossians 3:23 which says that we are to do all work as unto the Lord and not as unto any man or woman. In Proverbs 24:30-34 we read about someone who is lazy in their work. What is the end result for one who is slothful (verse 34)?

Read Proverbs 24:27. What are we to do before we build our house?

Luke 14:28 says it another way. What should someone do before starting a project?

God wants us to be wise with our money; we should not take on more (projects, accounts, etc.) than what we are able to.

The Tithe

Tithe is a word that literally means "a tenth" or 10 percent.

According to Leviticus 27:30-33 who does the tithe belong to?

Read Malachi 3:8-11. If we don't give our tithe what have we done to God?

In verse 9 what happens to us if we don't give our tithe?

Where are we to bring our tithe? (verse 10)

In the Old Testament the priests who were God's ministers lived on ground given to God by His people and worked in the temple. The tithe was to provide for their needs, and for the needs of the temple. The storehouse was where the supplies were stored. The people received the ministry they needed from the priests at the temple. Their tithe was stored in the storehouse until needed. Today, the storehouse would be the ministry where you receive ministry.

What does God promise us if we do give our tithe? (verses 10-11)

There is an idea that the tithe is part of the law and that are now under the New Covenant, so we don't have to tithe. It is true that we are under a new covenant, but the tithe was not part of the law.

The law was first given to Moses in the book of Exodus and is recorded in Exodus and Leviticus. But in Genesis 14 we read an account of Abram celebrating a battle victory in which he rescued his nephew Lot and won the spoils of battle.

Read Genesis 14:18-24. In verse 20, how much did Abram give to Melchizedek?

So, giving the tithe came before the law and it is a principle that we still need to follow. Remember, the tithe belongs to God; to keep it is to steal from Him. Once we have given the tithe we can go beyond that and give offerings.

Proverbs 3:9 says to honor God with our _____ and with the _____fruits of our increase. We should give first and not wait until all other bills are paid and then give what is leftover.

Read Philippians 4:16-19. Paul is writing to the church in Philippi. What did the church in Philippi do for Paul?

Because of their generosity, what were they promised in verse 19?

According to whose riches were they promised that?

According to Psalms 50:10 how much does God own? (At the time when Psalms was written wealth was measured by how much you owned; your livestock, etc.)

The promise that He will supply all your needs is for you too!

Jesus is speaking of giving in Luke 6:38. If you give what will happen to you?

With what portion will it be measured to you?

According to Mark 10:29-30 what are we promised if we give something for the sake of the Gospel?

The world's way of becoming prosperous is to hoard up their money. God's way is different. Read Isaiah 55:8-9. What do these verses say about God's thoughts and ways?

What does Proverbs 11:24 have to say about someone who hoards their money?

What does Proverbs 11:25 have to say about someone who is liberal in their giving?

Read 2 Corinthians 9:6-8. What do these verses say about someone who sows sparingly and about someone who sows bountifully?

According to verse 7 what kind of giver does God love?

In Luke 21:1-4 Jesus and his disciples are observing people leaving their offerings in the temple. According to Jesus who gave more?

Why?

Read Matthew 6:19-21. Where should we lay up our treasure?

For where your treasure is there will your _____ be also.

Finally, according to Matthew 6:24-33 are we to worry about the basic needs of life such as food or clothing?

Yes No

God takes care of the birds, the lilies, and the grass so most certainly He will take care of you.

We are to seek _____ the kingdom of God and His righteousness and

_____ these things will be added unto you.



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