

The Christian and God's Money

Hebrews 11.5-6

Goals

- To survey the Bible's teaching about money
- To work towards 100% participation in generous giving
- To increase Missions giving

Stipulations and Disclaimers

- Every pastor has an apparent “conflict of interest” when it comes to money
- The Bible speaks of it often, which means other people who had “vested interest” in money had to speak about it
- Pastors should know what it is to be on the “giving end” of money

There are several governing principles about God, man, and money: principles that transcend time and testament

All wealth belongs to God

- Genesis 2.4-12: Creation of it is His claim upon it
- Jos 6:19 But all the silver, and gold, and vessels of brass and iron, are consecrated unto the LORD: they shall come into the treasury of the LORD.
- Joel 3.4-5
- Haggai 2.8
- Revelation 21.18-21

God makes it available to mankind

- The gold of Genesis 2 was mined from the ground
- Unbelieving nations and individuals had money
- God blessed His people with it in varying degrees
- Genesis 13.2/24.35/Lev. 25.47
- Deuteronomy 8.7-18

Men love money

- Pro. 18:11 The rich man's wealth is his strong city, and as an high wall in his own conceit.
- 1Ti. 6:10 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.

The pursuit of money is detrimental to a person spiritually

- Pro. 13:7 There is that maketh himself rich, yet hath nothing: there is that maketh himself poor, yet hath great riches.
- Pro. 28:22 He that hasteth to be rich hath an evil eye, and considereth not that poverty shall come upon him.
- 1Ti. 6:9 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.

God accepts money from men as
evidence of their submission to Him

- Genesis 14.17-20
- Hebrews 7.1-8

This is where the real conflict lies

- Luke 18.18-25
- Luke 19.1-9