

What is God's Plan for Your Money?

Kingdom Principles – Part 9

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1 Chronicles 29:11-12 (ESV) Yours, O LORD, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the victory and the majesty, for all that is in the heavens and in the earth is yours. Yours is the kingdom, O LORD, and you are exalted as head above all. Both riches and honor come from you, and you rule over all. In your hand are power and might, and in your hand it is to make great and to give strength to all.

Malachi 3:10 (ESV) Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. And thereby put me to the test, says the LORD of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you a blessing until there is no more need.

Malachi 3:8-9 (ESV) Will man rob God? Yet you are robbing me. But you say, 'How have we robbed you?' In your tithes and contributions. You are cursed with a curse, for you are robbing me,

Matthew 6:33 (ESV) But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

1. Use money to win the _____

Luke 16:1-2 (ESV) He also said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was wasting his possessions. And he called him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Turn in the account of your management, for you can no longer be manager.'

Luke 16:3-4 (ESV) And the manager said to himself, 'What shall I do, since my master is taking the management away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do, so that when I am removed from management, people may receive me into their houses.'

Luke 16:5-7 (ESV) So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he said to the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' He said, 'A hundred measures of oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, and sit down quickly and write

fifty.' Then he said to another, 'And how much do you owe?' He said, 'A hundred measures of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, and write eighty.'

Luke 16:8-9 (ESV) The master commended the dishonest manager for his shrewdness. For the sons of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than the sons of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of unrighteous wealth, so that when it fails they may receive you into the eternal dwellings.

2. Use money to serve _____

Luke 16:10 (ESV) "One who is faithful in a very little is also faithful in much, and one who is dishonest in a very little is also dishonest in much.

Luke 16:11-12 (ESV) If then you have not been faithful in the unrighteous wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful in that which is another's, who will give you that which is your own?

Luke 16:13 (ESV) No servant can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money."

3. Love God, not _____

Luke 16:14-15 (ESV) The Pharisees, who were lovers of money, heard all these things, and they ridiculed him. And he said to them, "You are those who justify yourselves before men, but God knows your hearts. For what is exalted among men is an abomination in the sight of God.

Luke 16:16-17 (ESV) "The Law and the Prophets were until John; since then the good news of the kingdom of God is preached, and everyone forces his way into it. But it is easier for heaven and earth to pass away than for one dot of the Law to become void.

Luke 16:18 (ESV) "Everyone who divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery, and he who marries a woman divorced from her husband commits adultery.

Weekly Healing Scripture

Mark 6:56 (ESV) And wherever he came, in villages, cities, or countryside, they laid the sick in the marketplaces and implored him that they might touch even the fringe of his garment. And as many as touched it were made well.

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Intro. According to 1 Chronicles 29:11-12 where does your money come from and who owns it? Why is that truth so difficult for people to accept?

What are the two amazing promises of Malachi 3:10?

What is the negative promise of Malachi 3:8-9?

How does Matthew 6:33 relate to Malachi 3:10?

1A. In what ways are each of us managers of God's finances and possessions (Luke 16:1-2)?

1B. What was the worldly wisdom of the manager's plans (Luke 16:3-4)?

1C. How did the manager prepare for his future (Luke 16:5-7)?

1D. How does Jesus tell us to use the money he has entrusted to us (Luke 16:8-9)? What are some ways that you could use money to these ends?

2A. Why is it so important to be faithful to God when we don't have much money (Luke 16:10)?

2B. What are the true riches Jesus is talking about in Luke 16:11-12?

2C. Why is it impossible to serve both God and money (Luke 16:13)?

2D. Why do you think many people find it difficult to tithe? How can Jesus' teaching help in managing our money for him?

3A. What would be the telltale signs that someone was a lover of money (Luke 16:14-15)?

3B. Why did Jesus emphasize that the Old Testament law is not obsolete (Luke 16:16-17)?

3C. Why does divorce often have to do with different attitudes towards money (Luke 16:18)?

3D. How can a married couple strengthen their marriage with respect to finances?