

The Disciple and His Treasure

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I. Principles of Money

A. Where your treasure is there will your heart be also. (Matthew 6:19-21)

B. Don't give your whole life for getting bread. (Matthew 4:4)

C. Put God first and He will take care of the rest. (Matthew 6:24-33)

D. Must have a balance in regard to food. (Proverbs 6:6)

E. You can't take it with you. (Matthew 19:16-22)

1. Jesus didn't want him to get rid of his money for the fun of it.

2. Jesus didn't want him to get rid of his money for the poor.

3. He wanted him to translate his money into a different currency.

F. You must make things right in relation to money and others. (Luke 19:7-9)

G. Tithing

1. Only 3 verses in NT on tithing. (Matthew 23:23, Luke 18:12, Hebrews 7:5)

2. There were three tithes in the Old Testament.

a) They gave a tithe at the feast. (Exodus 23:16, 19)

b) They gave a tithe to the poor. (Deuteronomy 26:12, 14:28)

c) They gave a tithe to the Levites. (Numbers 18:21)

3. The New Testament does not give specific instructions.

a) The law was a schoolmaster to bring us to Christ. (Galatians 3:24)

b) The Lord deals with us as adults now.

4. It all belongs to God.

5. The decision is between you and the Lord. (2 Corinthians 9:6-7)

6. The issue is not as much the amount you give, but how you manage the rest. (Romans 14:23)

a) If you can't spend your money to the glory of God, then don't do it.

b) Giving first does not give us free reign with the rest of it.

7. God's motive for giving was love. (John 3:16)

H. Use worldly wealth to look after our future, which is eternity. (Luke 16:1-12)

I. The multiplying principle of money refers to spiritual prosperity not material. (Luke 6:38, Joshua 1:8, Psalm 1:3)

II. Characteristics of Money

A. It is uncertain. (1 Timothy 6:17-19)

B. It is deceitful. (Mark 4:19)

C. It makes itself wings and flies away. (Proverbs 23:5)

D. It loses its value fast. (James 5:2-3)

III. Where to Give or Invest Money

A. Give as the Lord has prospered you.

B. Give to those who have less. (2 Corinthians 8:14)

C. Give to your teachers. (Galatians 6:6)

D. Give to the poor.

IV. How to Get Money

A. Get money by working. (1 Thessalonians 4:11-12)

B. Get money by buying and selling. (Matthew 25:9, James 4:13)

C. Get money by trading. (Luke 9:15-20)