


Financial Foundations




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- **Objective:** Help prepare you, as a Christian seeking to glorify God, to accomplish your financial responsibilities by following the Biblical pattern
- **Five weekly classes:**
 1. Biblical Principles of Finances
 2. Honoring God in Your Personal Finances
 3. Honoring God in Your Income Taxes
 4. Honoring God in Your Investment & Insurance
 5. Honoring God in Your Major Purchases (Home & Car)

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Biblical Principles of Finances



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Theme

- The Bible has much to say about the management of money.
- Tonight we will look at selected scriptures that help us understand:
 - God's Principles for money
 - God's Perspective of money
 - Our Privilege with money

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I. God's Principles of Money

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God's Principles for Money

- God owns everything
 - Psalm 24:1
 - Haggai 2:8
- God provides all of our possessions
 - Deuteronomy 8:18
- God provides the ability to acquire wealth
 - 1 Corinthians 4:7

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How has God provided the ability to acquire wealth?

- Work
 - Proverbs 14:23
 - Proverbs 6:6-11
 - Proverbs 20:4
 - 2 Thessalonians 3:10
 - 1 Timothy 5:8
- Save
 - Proverbs 21:20
- Plan
 - Proverbs 27:23
 - Proverbs 16:3
 - Proverbs 21:5

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Not Enough?

- Glad God has given you the right to possess money – but what if you are always short? Ask yourself:
 - Are you enduring a trial?
 - Romans 5:3
 - Do you **need** more? Did you misuse what you were given by violating Biblical principles?

● Stinginess	Proverbs 11:24
● Hastiness	Proverbs 21:5
● Pretentiousness	Proverbs 13:7
● Laziness	Proverbs 20:13
● Indulgent	Proverbs 23:21
● Craftiness	Proverbs 28:19

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II. God's Perspective of Money

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Wrong Attitude

- Materialism—Love for wealth greater than love for Jesus
 - Luke 16:13
 - 1 Timothy 6:9-10
- Characteristics of Materialism:
 - Will use any means to make it
 - Will never have enough of it
 - Luke 18:21-23
 - Ecclesiastes 5:10

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Wrong Attitude

- Characteristics of Materialism (continued)
 - Will flaunt it
 - Will hate to give it
 - Will sin to get it (What is *your* price?)
 - Will trust in it
 - Luke 12:15-21

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The Bottom Line

- *Love of money makes you behave like an **unbeliever!***

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Right Attitude

- Love for Jesus evidenced by faithful stewardship
 1. Being content with God's provision, instead of unsatisfied with what you receive
 - Hebrews 13:5-6
 - 1 Timothy 6:6-8
 - Philippians 4:11-13

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Right Attitude (cont.)

2. Trusting in God, instead of trusting in wealth
 - Job 31:24-28
 - Proverbs 30:8-9
3. Bearing fruit, instead of remaining fruitless
 - Mark 4:18-20
4. Pursuing God, instead of pursuing unreliable riches
 - Proverbs 23:4-5
5. Praising God, instead of forgetting Him (ungrateful)
 - Deuteronomy 8:10-14

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Right Attitude (cont.)

6. Exalting God, instead of exalting yourself
 - Proverbs 28:11
7. Giving to God's work joyfully, instead of robbing God
 - Malachi 3:8
 - 2 Corinthians 9:7
8. Giving to others in need, instead of robbing others
 - 1 John 3:17-18

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III. Our Privilege with Money

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Our Privilege with Money

1. To provide for ourselves
 - 1 Corinthians 4:22
 - Philippians 4:19
2. To provide for our family
 - 1 Timothy 5:8
3. To give to others in need
 - James 2:15-17
 - 1 Timothy 6:17-19
4. To give to the church
 - 1 Timothy 5:17-18
 - 2 Corinthians 8:3-5

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How to give? How much to give?

- Proportionately
- Sacrificially
- Voluntarily
- Personally
- Humbly
 - Matthew 6:1-4
- Systematically
 - 1 Corinthians 16:2-3
- Generously
- Purposefully
- Cheerfully
 - 2 Corinthians 9:6-7

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The Bottom Line

- ***Management of our finances is an indication of our spiritual character!***

- Luke 18:22-23
- Luke 15:10-12