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GOD'S PART

i. God owns everything

a. God owns everything on earth

Genesis 14:19
Genesis 14:22
Exodus 9:29
Exodus 19:5
Deuteronomy 10:14
1 Chronicles 29:11,14-16
Job 41:11
Psalm 24:1
Psalm 50:12
Psalm 82:8
Psalm 89:11
Psalm 95:4-5
Psalm 104:24
1 Corinthians 10:26

1. Parable illustrating God's ownership

Matthew 25:14-28

2. Lord holds all things together

Hebrews 1:3
Colossians 1:17

b. Specific possessions God owns

1. Land

Leviticus 25:23

2. Gold and silver

Ezekiel 16:17
Haggai 2:8

3. Animals

Psalm 50:10-11

ii. God controls every event

a. Lord controls all events on Earth

1 Chronicles 29:11-12
Psalm 135:6
Proverbs 16:33
Proverbs 20:24
Daniel 2:20-21

» Lord allows difficult circumstances to occur

Job 42:11
Isaiah 45:6-7
Lamentations 3:37-38
Amos 3:6

» Lord uses every circumstances for a good purpose in the life of the godly

Romans 8:28

» Example of Lord allowing difficult circumstances for ultimate good

Genesis 45:5-9

» A carnal person's perspective of the control of events

Ecclesiastes 9:11

b. Specific events and items Lord controls

1. Lord directs people's hearts

Proverbs 21:1

» Lord can give godly people favour with others

Genesis 39:21

Ezra 6:22

Nehemiah 2:8, 18

» Example of Israelites plundering Egyptians

Exodus 3:21-22

Exodus 12:35-36

» Lord makes some people obstinate

Exodus 14:4

Deuteronomy 2:30

2. Lord controls the coveting of the heart

Exodus 34:23-24

» Lord controls the nations

Acts 17:26

2 Chronicles 25:7-9

Isaiah 10:5-6

iii. God provides

a. Everything comes from the Lord

1 Chronicles 29:14

Romans 11:36

1. A location called the 'Lord will provide'

Genesis 22:14

2. Lord gives food to all

Psalm 136:25

Psalm 145:15-16

b. Examples of Lord providing

1. In wilderness

Deuteronomy 2:7

Deuteronomy 8:15-16

Nehemiah 9:15

Nehemiah 9:21

2. During Sabbatical year

Leviticus 25:20-22

3. Feeding the multitude

Matthew 14:15-21

Matthew 15:32-38

Matthew 16:8-10

Mark 6:35-44

Mark 8:1-9

Mark 8:18-20

Luke 9:12-17

John 6:5-13

4. At the sea shore

John 21:2-11

c. Lord provides for those who seek and obey Him

Psalm 33:18-19

Psalm 34:9-10

Psalm 81:13,16

Proverbs 10:3

Philippians 4:19

Matthew 6:33

Luke 12:30-31

d. We can be content and anxiety free because He is our provider

(See the *Contentment Scriptures*)

iv. God gives riches and material possessions

a. Everything comes from the Lord

1 Chronicles 29:14

Romans 11:36

1 Timothy 6:17

b. Lord gives riches and material possessions

1 Chronicles 29:12,14-16

Ecclesiastes 5:19

Ecclesiastes 6:1-2

Jeremiah 27:5

1. Examples of Lord giving riches and possessions

» Lord gave children of Israel the promised land

Genesis 35:12

Exodus 6:8

Leviticus 25:38

Deuteronomy 6:10-12

Deuteronomy 8:7-10

Deuteronomy 26:1-3

Joshua 24:13

Nehemiah 9:15

Nehemiah 9:36

Jeremiah 7:5-7

» Other examples

Genesis 24:35

Genesis 26:12-14

Deuteronomy 30:5

1 Samuel 18:14-15

2 Samuel 6:12

2 Chronicles 1:11-12

2 Chronicles 25:6-9

Job 1:9-10

Job 42:10,12

Psalm 105:37

Isaiah 45:3

Jeremiah 27:5-7

GOD'S PART CONTINUED

Ezekiel 16:13,14,17-19

Ezekiel 29:18-19

Hosea 2:8

- » **Abraham did not want to give another person credit for his becoming rich**

Genesis 14:22-23

- 2. Lord sometimes gives riches after testing and humbling**

Deuteronomy 8:15-18

Psalms 66:10-12

- 3. Lord gives possessions to His children even in their sleep**

Psalms 127:2

- 4. When Lord gives riches, it is a blessing**

Proverbs 10:22

- 5. Lord giving possessions conditioned upon obedience**

(See *Our part Scriptures*)

- 6. Lord gives us precisely enough**

2 Samuel 12:7-8

- » **According to our ability to handle possessions**

Matthew 25:14-15

c. Lord causes prosperity

Genesis 32:9

Genesis 32:12

Genesis 39:2-3

Genesis 39:21-23

- 1. Prosperity conditioned upon obedience and seeking the Lord**

(See *Our Part Scriptures*)

- 2. Prayers for Lord to bless financially**

Psalms 115:14

Psalms 118:25

3 John 2

d. Lord gives and takes away possessions

Job 1:21-22

Job 2:9-10

- 1. Lord makes rich and poor**

1 Samuel 2:7

Ecclesiastes 7:14

- 2. Lord takes away or withholds possessions when unfaithful, disobedient, or not seeking the Lord**

(See *Our Part Scriptures*)

- » **Lord is merciful and will provide a means of restoration**

Judges 2:13-16

Jeremiah 29:14

Jeremiah 32:44

Jeremiah 33:7, 11, 26

Jeremiah 48:47

Jeremiah 49:6

Joel 3:1-2

Zephaniah 2:7

Zephaniah 3:20

Zechariah 8:10-12

- 3. Lord takes away wealth of ungodly people and nations**

Proverbs 15:25

Ezekiel 26:12, 14

Zechariah 9:3-4

Zechariah 14:1-2

- 4. Lord sometimes transfers wealth from ungodly to godly**

Genesis 31:6-7, 9

Genesis 31:14-16

e. Lord protects our possessions

Job 1:9-10

Genesis 31:42

OUR PART

i. Lord gave people authority over the earth

Genesis 1:28
Psalm 8:6
Psalm 115:16
Hebrews 2:6-8

a. Parable illustrating Lord giving people authority over His possessions

Matthew 25:14

ii. Our position is that of a steward

a. Examples of stewards

Genesis 24:2
Genesis 39:4-6
Genesis 39:7-9
1 Corinthians 9:17

iii. Stewards have certain responsibilities

a. Recognise Lord as owner of possessions and transfer ownership to Him

1. **Must give ownership of possessions to Lord to be a disciple**
Luke 14:33
2. **Leaving everything to follow Lord results in blessings**
Matthew 19:27-29
Mark 10:28-30
Luke 18:28-30
3. **Examples of leaving everything to follow Lord**
Mark 1:20
Luke 5:11
Luke 5:27-28

4. Parable illustrating leaving everything to follow Lord Matthew 13:44-46

b. Be faithful

1 Corinthians 4:2

1. Blessings of faithfulness

Proverbs 28:20
Matthew 24:44-46

» **Blessed with more intimate fellowship with the Lord**
Matthew 25:21

» **Blessed with more responsibility**
Matthew 25:20-23
Luke 12:42-44
Luke 19:12-26

2. Cursed for unfaithfulness

Matthew 24:48-51
Matthew 25:14-30
Luke 12:45-47
Luke 19:12-26

» **Example of unfaithful steward**
Luke 16:1-8

c. Be obedient/seek the Lord

1. Blessings of obedience/seeking the Lord

Deuteronomy 7:12-13
Deuteronomy 15:4-6
Deuteronomy 28:1-14
Deuteronomy 29:9
Deuteronomy 30:9-10
Deuteronomy 30:15-16
Joshua 1:8
1 Kings 2:3
1 Chronicles 22:12-13
1 Chronicles 28:8
Psalm 37:4
Psalm 128:1-2

» **Examples of obedience and blessing**
2 Kings 18:6-7
2 Chronicles 14:7
2 Chronicles 26:5
2 Chronicles 31:20-21
Isaiah 30:22-23

OUR PART CONTINUED

2. Curse of disobedience/not seeking the Lord

Deuteronomy 28:15-18, 33
Deuteronomy 28:45-48, 63
Deuteronomy 30:15-18
Ezra 7:26

» Example of disobedience and cursing

Judges 2:13-14
2 Chronicles 21:12-14,16,17
2 Chronicles 24:20
Nehemiah 9:33-36
Jeremiah 10:21
Ezekiel 16:17-19, 39
Haggai 1:4-11
Haggai 2:15-17

d. Trust in the Lord, not ourselves or possessions

1. Blessings/prosperity for those who trust in Lord

Psalm 112:1,3
Proverbs 22:4
Proverbs 28:25

2. Consequences of trusting in ourselves or our possessions

Proverbs 11:28
Jeremiah 17:5-6
Jeremiah 48:7
Jeremiah 49:4-5

iv. Held accountable for our stewardship

Matthew 25:14, 19
Luke 16:2
2 Corinthians 5:9-10
Revelation 20:11-12

DEBT

i. We are encouraged not to be in debt

Romans 13:8

a. Debt compared to slavery

Proverbs 22:7

1. Commanded not to be slaves of others

1 Corinthians 7:23

b. Examples of hardship of debt

1 Samuel 22:1-2

2 Kings 4:1

Nehemiah 5:1-5

Psalms 109:11

Isaiah 50:1

c. Being debt-free was positive

Jeremiah 15:10

d. Debt was considered a curse

Deuteronomy 28:15, 43-45

e. Being debt-free was considered a blessing

Deuteronomy 15:4-6

Deuteronomy 28:1-2, 12

ii. Debt repayment

a. Godly people repay debts

Proverbs 3:27-28

b. Wicked people do not repay debts

Psalms 37:21

c. Lord can supernaturally provide resources to get out of debt

2 Kings 4:1-7

d. Forgiveness of debts every seventh year – a law for Old Testament believers

Deuteronomy 15:1-11

Deuteronomy 31:10-11

Nehemiah 10:31

e. Miscellaneous example of debt repayment

Philemon 18-19

iii. Indebtedness used as examples in teaching

a. Teaching of Jesus Christ

Matthew 18:21-35

Luke 7:40-43

b. Teaching of Paul

Colossians 2:14

iv. Cosigning (surety/ striking hands)

a. Cosigning discouraged

Proverbs 17:18

Proverbs 20:16

Proverbs 27:13

b. Cosigning dangerous

Proverbs 11:15

Proverbs 22:26-27

c. Cosigning deliverance

Proverbs 6:1-5

COUNSEL

i. Counsel encouraged

Proverbs 1:5
Proverbs 1:25
Proverbs 1:30
Proverbs 12:15
Proverbs 13:10
Proverbs 19:20
Proverbs 20:18
Proverbs 27:9
Ecclesiastes 4:13
Luke 13:31

a. Many counsellors encouraged

Proverbs 11:14
Proverbs 15:22
Proverbs 24:5-6

1. Additional people increase productivity

Leviticus 26:8
Ecclesiastes 4:9-12

b. Examples of giving/following counsel

Exodus 18:14-24
1 Kings 1:11-12
Job 29:21-23

c. Example of not giving/following counsel

2 Chronicles 25:14-16

ii. Sources of counsel

a. The Lord

Job 12:13
Psalm 16:7
Psalm 25:12
Psalm 32:8
Psalm 33:10-11
Psalm 73:24
Proverbs 19:21
Isaiah 9:6
Isaiah 11:2
Isaiah 28:29
Jeremiah 32:18-19

1. Consequences of not seeking Lord's counsel

1 Chronicles 10:13-14
Joshua 9:14-15
Psalm 106:13-15
Psalm 107:10-12

2. The Lord controls the counsel of people

2 Samuel 15:31, 33-34
2 Samuel 16:20, 23
2 Samuel 17:6-23

b. Scripture

Psalm 119:24

c. Godly people

1. Mother and father

Proverbs 1:8-9
Proverbs 6:20-22
Proverbs 23:22

» Example of godly father's counsel

1 Kings 2:1-4

2. Those gifted with wisdom

2 Chronicles 9:23
Proverbs 13:20
1 Corinthians 12:8

3. Experienced people

1 Kings 12:6-8
2 Chronicles 10:6-8

iii. Counsel to be avoided

a. The wicked

Job 21:14-16
Psalm 1:1
Proverbs 12:5

1. Example of evil counsel

Ezra 4:4-5
Nahum 1:11

2. Idolatrous people

Deuteronomy 32:28
Isaiah 41:28-29

b. Inexperienced

- 1 Kings 12:8-10, 13-14
2 Chronicles 10:8-10, 13-14

iv. Blessings and curses

a. Blessings and benefits of seeking counsel

1. Success

- Proverbs 11:14
Proverbs 15:22
Proverbs 24:6

2. Direction and guidance

- Psalm 32:8
Psalm 73:24
Proverbs 6:20-22

3. Wisdom

- Proverbs 13:10
Proverbs 19:20

4. Joy in giving counsel

- Proverbs 12:20

b. Curses/consequences of not seeking counsel or seeking wicked counsel

1. Death

- 1 Chronicles 10:13,14
2 Chronicles 22:3-5
2 Chronicles 25:16
Proverbs 1:24-32

2. Strife

- Proverbs 13:10

3. Plans frustrated

- Proverbs 15:22

4. Failure

- Proverbs 11:14

5. Miscellaneous curses and consequences

- Joshua 9:14-15
Psalm 106:13-15
Psalm 107:10-12

HONESTY

i. People are dishonest

a. Human heart is dishonest

Genesis 8:21
Jeremiah 17:9
Matthew 15:19
Mark 7:21-22

b. People practice relative honesty

Judges 17:6

c. Examples of dishonest people

Genesis 31:7
Joshua 7:11, 20-21
1 Samuel 8:3
1 Kings 21:19
Psalm 58:3
Isaiah 1:23
Isaiah 56:11
Jeremiah 6:13
Jeremiah 7:9, 11
Ezekiel 22:27, 29
Hosea 4:1-2
Hosea 5:10
Hosea 7:1
Hosea 12:7
Micah 6:10-12
John 12:4-6
John 18:40
Acts 5:1-10
Titus 1:12
Revelation 9:20-21

1. Parable using dishonesty as illustration

Luke 16:1-8

d. Dishonesty concealed by religion

Jeremiah 7:9-11
Matthew 21:12-13
Matthew 23:25
Mark 11:15-17
Luke 11:39
Luke 19:45-46
Titus 1:10-11

ii. God demands absolute honesty

a. The Lord is truth, satan a liar

1. The Lord is truth

John 1:14
John 14:6
John 16:13
1 John 5:7

2. Satan is a liar

John 8:44

b. Under Old Testament law

Exodus 20:15
Leviticus 19:11-13
Leviticus 19:35-36
Leviticus 25:14-17
Deuteronomy 5:19
Deuteronomy 19:14
Deuteronomy 25:13-16

c. As a general biblical principle

Psalms 34:13
Psalm 51:6
Psalm 62:10
Proverbs 3:3
Proverbs 4:24
Proverbs 6:12
Proverbs 6:16, 19
Proverbs 11:1
Proverbs 12:22
Proverbs 13:5
Proverbs 14:5
Proverbs 14:25
Proverbs 17:7
Proverbs 16:11
Proverbs 20:10
Proverbs 20:23
Proverbs 22:22-23
Proverbs 22:28
Proverbs 23:10
Proverbs 23:23
Proverbs 28:24
Lamentations 3:35-36
Zechariah 8:16-17

Luke 3:12-14
Romans 2:21-22
Corinthians 6:7-10
Ephesians 4:25
Ephesians 6:14
Colossians 3:9
1 Thessalonians 5:22
1 Timothy 1:9-10
Titus 2:9-10
1 Peter 1:15-16
1 Peter 4:15

d. Required of leaders

1. Government

Exodus 18:21-22
Proverbs 20:28
Proverbs 28:16
Ezekiel 45:9-10

2. Church

1 Timothy 3:8
Titus 1:7
1 Peter 5:1-2

e. Honesty required in giving

Malachi 1:13-14

1. Not giving properly considered robbery

Malachi 3:8-9

f. Honesty more valuable than riches

Proverbs 19:1
Proverbs 19:22
Proverbs 28:12

g. Examples of honest people

Numbers 16:15
1 Samuel 12:3-5
Job 31:5, 8
Daniel 6:4
Daniel 6:22
Zephaniah 3:13

1. Example of testing people for honesty

Genesis 42:11, 18-20
Genesis 42:31-34

h. Godly people hate dishonesty

Proverbs 13:5

iii. Why does God demand absolute honesty?

a. We cannot be dishonest and love God

Proverbs 14:2

b. We cannot be dishonest and love our neighbour

Proverbs 26:28
Romans 13:9-10

c. Honesty creates credibility for evangelism

Philippians 2:15

d. Honesty helps direct our lives

Proverbs 4:24-26

e. Even the smallest dishonesty is devastating

Luke 16:10

iv. How can we escape the temptation to be dishonest?

a. By the Lord's grace and power

Psalm 119:36
Proverbs 30:7-8
Galatians 5:16-17

HONESTY CONTINUED

b. By practicing the golden rule

Matthew 7:12
Philippians 2:4

c. By a healthy fear of the Lord

Proverbs 16:6

d. Isolating ourselves from the dishonest

Psalms 26:4
Psalm 40:4
Psalm 101:6-7
Proverbs 1:10-16
Proverbs 29:24
1 Corinthians 5:9-11
1 Corinthians 15:33

e. By giving

Ephesians 4:28

f. By establishing a system of accountability

Genesis 30:31-33

v. What do we do when we have acted dishonestly?

a. Restore our fellowship with the Lord

Leviticus 5:5-6
Leviticus 6:1-5, 7
1 John 1:9

b. Restore our fellowship with the harmed person

Proverbs 28:13
James 5:16

c. Restore any stolen property

Exodus 22:1-4
Exodus 22:7-9
Exodus 22:14

Leviticus 6:1-5
Numbers 5:5-8
2 Samuel 12:5-6
Proverbs 6:30-31
Ezekiel 33:14-16
Luke 19:8

vi. Blessings and curses

a. Blessings promised for the honest

1. Blessing of a more intimate relationship with the Lord

Psalms 15:1-4
Psalm 24:3-4
Psalm 145:18
Proverbs 3:3-4
Proverbs 3:32
Proverbs 12:22
Jeremiah 22:15-17

2. Blessing of protection

Proverbs 2:7
Proverbs 10:9

3. Blessing of provision

Isaiah 33:15-16

4. Blessing on the family

Proverbs 20:7

5. Blessing of happiness

Proverbs 10:2

6. Blessing of life

Deuteronomy 25:13-15
Psalm 34:12-13
Proverbs 12:19
Ezekiel 33:14-16

7. Blessing of the respect of people

Proverbs 3:3-4

8. Blessing of prosperity

Proverbs 15:6

9. Blessing for leaders

Proverbs 28:16

b. Curses reserved for the dishonest

1. Curse of being hated/separated from God

Deuteronomy 25:13-16
Psalm 5:6
Proverbs 3:32
Proverbs 6:16, 19
Proverbs 12:22
Proverbs 19:9
Isaiah 57:17
Isaiah 59:2-4

2. Curse of punishment/judgement

Deuteronomy 27:17
Psalm 63:11
Proverbs 12-15
Proverbs 19:5
Proverbs 20:17
Isaiah 57:17
Jeremiah 5:27-29
Jeremiah 9:3-9
Ezekiel 22:13-15
Ezekiel 22:27-31
Hosea 5:10
Amos 8:4-10
Micah 6:10-16
Matthew 21:12-13
Luke 19:45-46

3. Curse of death/destruction

Joshua 7:11, 15, 25
Psalm 5:6
Psalm 52:3-5
Proverbs 1:19
Proverbs 6:12, 15
Proverbs 12:19
Proverbs 21:6
Proverbs 22:8
Proverbs 22:22-23
Jeremiah 22:17-19
Ezekiel 18:10-13, 18
Acts 5:1-10

4. Curse on family

Proverbs 15:27
Jeremiah 8:10
Micah 2:1-3

5. Curse on possessions

Genesis 31:7, 9
Proverbs 10:2

Proverbs 13:11
Jeremiah 6:12-13
Jeremiah 17:11
Micah 4:13

6. Curse of pride

Proverbs 22:8

7. Curse on a leader's subordinates

Proverbs 29:12

8. Curse in eternity

Revelation 21:8
Revelation 21:27
Revelation 22:15

9. Curses in general

Deuteronomy 27:17
Proverbs 20:17
Nahum 3:1

c. People's view of God not punishing dishonesty

Job 24:1-2, 12

vii. Bribes

a. People bribe

1. Bribes are effective

Proverbs 17:8
Proverbs 21:14

2. Wicked people bribe

Psalm 26:9-10
Proverbs 17:23

3. Examples of those who bribed

1 Samuel 8:3
Isaiah 1:23
Micah 7:3
Matthew 28:11-15
Acts 24:25-26

HONESTY CONTINUED

b. Commanded not to participate in a bribe

Exodus 23:8

Deuteronomy 16:19

1. Bribes corrupt

Ecclesiastes 7:7

2. Lord example of not taking bribe

Deuteronomy 10:17

3. Leaders cannot take bribes

2 Chronicles 19:7

Proverbs 29:4

4. Examples of those who did not take bribes

1 Samuel 12:3-5

Job 6:22

c. Blessings and curses

1. Those who bribe are curses

Deuteronomy 27:25

Isaiah 5:23

Ezekiel 22:12-15

Amos 5:11-12

Micah 3:11-12

2. Those who do not bribe are blessed

Psalms 15:1, 5

Proverbs 15:27

Isaiah 33:15-1

GIVING

i. Tests of giving

a. Test of faith

James 2:14-17

b. Test of love of God abiding in us

1 John 3:17

c. Test of loving our neighbour

2 Corinthians 8:8

1. Example of Good Samaritan

Luke 10:33-35

d. Test of lordship

Matthew 19:21-22

Mark 10:21-22

Luke 18:22-23

ii. Attitudes in giving

a. God's attitude

John 3:16

1 John 4:16

James 1:17

b. Our attitude

1. What is the proper attitude?

» In love

1 Corinthians 13:3

» Cheerful

2 Corinthians 9:7

2. How do we give with love?

» Give to the Lord as an expression of love and worship

Exodus 25:2

Exodus 30:12-14

Exodus 35:5

Exodus 35:21-29

Leviticus 7:14

Numbers 18:8-24

1 Chronicles 18:11

2 Chronicles 32:23

2 Samuel 8:11

Psalms 50:14

Psalms 66:13

Psalms 68:29

Psalms 76:11

Ezekiel 20:40

Micah 4:13

» All we possess is from the Lord and we are giving back to Him

1 Chronicles 29:14-16

» Example of the Christ Child

Matthew 2:1

» Example of not giving to the Lord

Isaiah 43:23-24

3. Give cheerfully by submitting to the Lord/offer willingly

1 Chronicles 29:5-9

1 Chronicles 29:14-17

2 Corinthians 8:1-5

4. Attitude more important than the amount given

Matthew 23:23

Luke 11:42

Luke 18:10-14

» Giving with the proper attitude/Lord accepting gift

Genesis 4:4

Hebrews 11:4

Philippians 4:18

» Giving with wrong attitude/Lord rejecting gift

Genesis 4:3-5

Amos 4:4-6

Amos 5:22, 24

Amos 5:25-27

Malachi 2:13-14

» Lying to Holy Spirit

Acts 5:1-10

» To justify sin

Proverbs 7:14

iii. Advantages of giving

a. Benefits for the giver

Acts 20:35

1. Increase in intimacy with Lord

Matthew 6:21
Luke 12:34

2. Increase in heaven

Matthew 6:20
Matthew 19:21
Luke 12:33
Luke 18:22
Philippians 4:17
1Timothy 6:17-19

3. Increase on earth

Deuteronomy 14:28-29
2 Chronicles 31:10
Proverbs 3:9-10
Proverbs 11:24-25
Ecclesiastes 11:1
Luke 6:38
2 Corinthians 9:6-11
Philippians 4:19

» Challenge to test Lord for material increase

Malachi 3:10

4. Increase in blessings

Ezekiel 44:30
Luke 7:2-5
Acts 9:36-37, 40
Acts 10:1-4, 31

iv. Amount to give

a. Tithe

1. Before the law

Genesis 14:20
Genesis 28:20-22

2. Under the law

Leviticus 27:30-32

» Not tithing considered robbing God

Malachi 3:8-9

» Tithe eaten in presence of Lord

Deuteronomy 14:22-26

» Tithe given to support Levites and poor

Numbers 18:21-24
Deuteronomy 14:28-29

Deuteronomy 26:12
2 Chronicles 31:4-12
Nehemiah 10:37-38
Nehemiah 13:10-11

» Levites were to tithe from their tithe

Numbers 18:26

3. Tithe in the New Testament

» Jesus condemns the Pharisees (see ii 4)

» The superiority of priesthood of Melchizedek

Hebrews 7:1-2, 4-9

4. Storehouse tithe

2 Chronicles 31:11-12
Nehemiah 10:38
Nehemiah 12:44
Nehemiah 13:12

b. Offerings

(See sections iv and viii)

c. Proportionate giving (as God prospers)

Deuteronomy 16:10, 16
1 Corinthians 16:2

1. Examples of proportionate giving

Ezra 2:69
Acts 11:29

2. Acceptable amount given in proportion to one's means

2 Corinthians 8:12

d. Sacrificial giving

Mark 12:41-44
Luke 21:1-4
2 Corinthians 8:1-4

1. Do not give something that costs you nothing

2 Samuel 24:21-24
1 Chronicles 21:22-24

2. Cursed when giving something stolen or blemished

Malachi 1:6-14

v. Approach to giving

a. Pattern for giving

1. Priority

Exodus 23:10-11
Exodus 34:19
Exodus 34:26
Leviticus 2:12
Numbers 28:26
Deuteronomy 26:1-2
Proverbs 3:9

2. Promptly

Exodus 22:29
Deuteronomy 23:21
Ecclesiastes 5:4

3. Premeditated

2 Corinthians 9:7

4. Periodic

1 Corinthians 16:2

5. Personal

Exodus 34:20
Deuteronomy 16:17
Ezekiel 45:16
Acts 11:29
1 Corinthians 16:2

6. Private deposit

1 Corinthians 16:2

7. Pride less

Matthew 6:1-4

8. Prompted heart

Exodus 25:2
Exodus 35:5
Exodus 35:21-29
2 Kings 12:4

b. Policies for giving

1. Administration and accountability

1 Chronicles 26:20
1 Chronicles 26:26
2 Chronicles 31:14-15
Nehemiah 12:44
Nehemiah 13:13
2 Corinthians 8:18-21
Acts 11:30
1 Corinthians 16:3-4

» **Examples of not requiring accountability**

2 Kings 12:15
2 Kings 22:7

c. Places to give

1. Family

1 Timothy 5:8

» **Parents**

Matthew 15:4-6
Mark 7:9-13

» **Widows**

1 Timothy 5:4
1 Timothy 5:16

» **Example of giving to family**

Genesis 45:11
Genesis 47:12

2. Ministry

Levitical priests (also see iv)
Leviticus 2:3
Leviticus 7:14
Leviticus 7:32-34
Leviticus 10:12-14
Numbers 5:8-10
Numbers 18:8-19
Numbers 31:28-30
Deuteronomy 18:3-4
Deuteronomy 25:4
Nehemiah 10:35-36
Nehemiah 12:47
Ezekiel 44:29-30

» **New Testament workers**

Matthew 10:9-10
Mark 6:8
Luke 9:1-3

Luke 10:1, 4-7

Galatians 6:6

1 Timothy 5:17-18

Titus 3:13

3 John 1:5-8

» **Jesus supported by gifts during his earthly ministry**

Luke 8:3

» **Christian workers who did not exercise their right to be supported**

1 Corinthians 9:6-15

1 Corinthians 9:17-18

2 Corinthians 11:7-9

2 Corinthians 12:14-18

1 Thessalonians 2:5, 9

2 Thessalonians 3:8-9

» **Christian workers must not minister with evil financial intentions**

1 Peter 5:1-2

» **Many attempt to get money by appearing to be religious**

2 Corinthians 2:17

Titus 1:10-11

2 Peter 2:1, 3

» **Disciples urged to prepare**

Luke 22:35-36

d. The sanctuary/temple

» **The building of the sanctuary**

Exodus 25:3-8

» **Gave more than enough**

Exodus 36:3-7

» **The building of the temple**

1 Chronicles 29:2-8

» **The temple cost a great deal**

1 Kings 5:17

» **The repair of the temple**

2 Kings 12:4-11

2 Kings 22:4-6

2 Chronicles 24:4-13

2 Chronicles 34:8-11

1. The rebuilding of the temple

Ezra 2:68-69

Ezra 6:4

Ezra 6:8

2. Maintenance of the temple

Nehemiah 10:30, 39

3. Miscellaneous categories

» **Those who ask for a gift**

Matthew 5:42

Luke 6:30

» **All people, especially believers**

Galatians 6:10

Romans 12:10, 13

» **Enemies**

Proverbs 25:21-22

Romans 12:20

» **Do not give to a murderer**

Proverbs 28:17

vi. Giving to the poor

a. God's commands and perspective of giving to the poor

Deuteronomy 15:11

Proverbs 14:31

Proverbs 19:17

Isaiah 58:6-10

Ezekiel 16:49

1. Old Testament provisions for the poor

» **Laws of harvesting and gleaning**

Exodus 23:10-11

Leviticus 19:9-10

Leviticus 23:22

Deuteronomy 24:19-21

» **Forgiveness of debts (see Debt section)**

» **Unlimited liability of meeting needs**

Deuteronomy 15:7-10

» **Celebration of Purim**

Ester 9:22

» **Tithe to poor (see iv. a)**

» **Year of Jubilee**

Leviticus 25:10

» **Examples of giving to the poor**

Job 29:12-16

Job 31:16-23

» **Righteous leader**
Psalm 72:4, 12-13

» **Excellent wife**
Proverbs 31:10, 20

2. New Testament

» **John the Baptist**
Luke 3:10-11

» **Jesus Christ identifies with poor**
Matthew 25:31-45

» **Jesus models giving to the poor**
John 13:27-29

» **Formerly dishonest to give to the poor**
Ephesians 4:28

» **Other examples**
Acts 2:44-45
Acts 11:28-30
Acts 20:35
Romans 15:26-27
Galatians 2:10

Psalm 72:4, 12-15

Psalm 112:3, 9

Proverbs 19:17

Proverbs 28:8

Daniel 4:27

» **Blessing of spiritual fruitfulness**
Titus 3:13-14

» **Blessings in general**
Proverbs 22:9

» **Blessings of happiness**
Proverbs 14:21

2. Curses for those who do not give to the poor

» **Curse of unanswered prayer**
Proverbs 21:13

» **Curse of poverty**
Proverbs 22:16

» **Cursed in general**
Proverbs 28:27

b. Blessings and curses

1. Blessings of giving to the poor

» **Blessing of knowing the Lord**
Jeremiah 22:16

» **Blessing of life**
Ezekiel 18:7, 9, 16-17

» **Blessing on family**
Psalm 112:2, 9

» **Blessing of needs met**
Proverbs 28:27

» **Blessing of health**
Psalm 41:1-3

» **Blessing of prayers answered and guidance**
Isaiah 58:6-11

» **Blessing of delivery and protection**
Psalm 41:1-2

» **Blessing of honour**
Psalm 112:9

» **Blessing on work and of wealth**
Deuteronomy 15:10
Deuteronomy 24:19

c. Miscellaneous issues in giving to the poor

1. **Attitude of compassion**
Job 30:25

2. **Investigate the needs of the poor**
Job 29:16

3. **Godly accused of not giving to the poor**
Job 22:5, 7, 9

4. **Example of giving glory to God instead of giving to the poor**
Matthew 26:6-13
Mark 14:3-7
John 12:3-8

5. **Care of widows required**
Acts 6:1-3
James 1:27

6. **Results of proper ownership perspective: no poor**
Acts 4:32-33

7. **There were provisions for the poor to give less**
Leviticus 5:7, 11
Leviticus 12:6, 8

Leviticus 14:21-22

Leviticus 14:30-32

Leviticus 27:8

» **Jesus' parents were in this category**

Luke 2:22-24

» **During census rich and poor gave same amount**

Exodus 30:12-15

8. Giving to the poor can be evidence of salvation

Luke 19:8-9

vii. Miscellaneous examples of giving (not to the Lord)

Genesis 24:22, 53

Genesis 43:11-12, 15

2 Chronicles 9:8-9

2 Chronicles 9:12

2 Chronicles 31:23

2 Chronicles 32:23

2 Chronicles 35:7-9

Ezra 1:4, 6

Nehemiah 7:70-72

Esther 2:18

Psalms 72:10

Jeremiah 40:5

a. To appease others

Genesis 32:13, 20

Genesis 33:8-11

Proverbs 21:14

b. To influence others

Genesis 34:11-12

c. To seek wisdom

2 Chronicles 9:23-24

1 Kings 10:10

d. Wicked celebrate the death of the godly

Revelation 11:10

viii. Miscellaneous giving issues

a. Location to give

Exodus 23:19

Exodus 34:26

Deuteronomy 12:6

Deuteronomy 12:11

Deuteronomy 12:17-18

b. We may have no money to give, but we can give Christ

Acts 3:2-6

c. Generous person will have many requests to give

Proverbs 19:6

d. Giving can be affected by covetousness

2 Corinthians 9:5

e. Giving results in thanksgiving to God

2 Corinthians 9:12

f. Do not give before attempting reconciliation

Matthew 5:23-24

g. Scripture encourages us to give

Nahum 1:15

Hebrews 13:16

h. Giving can be a testimony

Matthew 8:4

Mark 1:44

Luke 5:14

i. Example of giving to an nation

Acts 24:17

j. Things better than a sacrifice

1. Love of God and neighbour

Mark 12:33

2. Loyalty to and knowledge of God

Hosea 6:6

3. Obedience

1 Samuel 15:22

Isaiah 1:11

4. Righteousness/justice

Proverbs 21:3

k. Offerings

1. Compulsory

Ezekiel 46:11-15

2. Voluntary

Ezekiel 46:12

3. Examples of offerings

1 Kings 8:62-64

Ezra 1:2, 4, 6

Ezra 7:15-18, 20-22

**l. If your spiritual gift is giving,
exercise it**

Romans 12:6-8

m. Give to meet needs

Exodus 16:18

2 Corinthians 8:13-15

WORK

i. Biblical perspective of work

a. Work necessary

1. Lord himself is a worker

Genesis 2:2-3
Genesis 2:8
John 5:17

2. Required in Old Testament

Exodus 20:9
Exodus 23:12
Exodus 34:21
Deuteronomy 5:13

3. Required in New Testament

Ephesians 4:28
2 Thessalonians 3:8-12

4. Work expected

Psalm 104:23

b. The requirement to work not a consequence of sin

1. Lord commanded people to work before the fall

Genesis 2:15

2. Lord commanded people to work after the fall, but work more difficult

Genesis 3:17-19, 23
Genesis 5:29

c. All honest work honourable

1. Examples of godly peoples' vocations

» Farmer

Genesis 2:15
Genesis 4:2
Genesis 9:20
Genesis 46:32
Genesis 47:3
Amos 7:14

» Domestic worker

Genesis 39:4

» Government workers and leaders

Genesis 41:41
Genesis 45:26
Nehemiah 4:14
Psalm 105:21
Daniel 2:48
Daniel 6:1-2
Daniel 8:27
Acts 8:27

» Fishermen

Matthew 4:18
Mark 1:16
Mark 1:20

» Building trades

Matthew 13:55
Mark 6:3
Acts 18:2-3

» Tax collectors

Mark 2:14
Luke 5:27
Luke 19:2

» Retailer

Acts 16:14

d. Work as unto the Lord

1 Corinthians 10:31
Ephesians 6:5-9
Colossians 3:17
Colossians 3:23-24

1. Some people view work as a useless vanity

Ecclesiastes 1:3
Ecclesiastes 2:4-5, 10-11
Ecclesiastes 2:18-24
Ecclesiastes 3:9-10, 13
Ecclesiastes 4:4-6
Ecclesiastes 5:18-19
Ecclesiastes 6:7

e. Our work should be the work God intends for us

1 Samuel 2:28
Psalm 90:17
John 4:34
John 6:27
Acts 13:36

- 1 Corinthians 3:13-15
Ephesians 2:10
1. **Work that will glorify the Lord**
John 17:4
 2. **Productive to know precise work Lord has for us**
John 21:3-11
 3. **Work is useless apart from the Lord**
Psalm 127:1
Proverbs 16:3
 - » **There must be no selfish ambition in work**
Romans 2:6, 8
2 Corinthians 5:9-10
James 3:14-16
 - » **Do not desire greatness for self**
Jeremiah 45:5
 4. **Strong, courageous and do not procrastinate**
Joshua 1:6-7
1 Chronicles 22:10, 13, 16
1 Chronicles 28:20
2 Chronicles 15:7
Haggai 2:4
 - » **We will encounter difficulties when doing work Lord has for us**
Ezra 4:4-5
Nehemiah 4:15-22
Nehemiah 6:3, 9
- f. Work hard**
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- Proverbs 12:27
Ecclesiastes 9:10
Ecclesiastes 11:6
1. **Examples of hard workers**
Genesis 31:38-40
Nehemiah 2:18
Nehemiah 4:6
Acts 20:34
1 Corinthians 4:11-12
2 Corinthians 11:27
Colossians 1:29
1 Thessalonians 2:9
2 Thessalonians 3:8
 2. **Hunger motivates us to work**
Proverbs 16:26
 3. **Hard workers should be paid first**
2 Timothy 2:6
 4. **Benefits of work/hard work**
 - » **Needs met**
Proverbs 12:11
Proverbs 27:18
Proverbs 28:19
 - » **Profit and wealth**
Proverbs 10:4-5
Proverbs 13:11
Proverbs 14:23
Proverbs 21:5
 - » **Satisfied soul**
Proverbs 13:4
 - » **Leadership**
Proverbs 12:24
 - » **Restful sleep**
Ecclesiastes 5:12
 - » **Happiness**
Psalm 128:1-2
 5. **Do not overwork**
Psalm 127:2
 - » **Do not overwork to get rich**
Proverbs 23:4
 6. **Laziness condemned**
Proverbs 6:6-8
Proverbs 10:5
Proverbs 10:26
Proverbs 12:27
Proverbs 15:19
Proverbs 18:9
Proverbs 19:24
Proverbs 22:13
Proverbs 26:13-16
 7. **Consequences of laziness**
 - » **Hunger**
Proverbs 19:15
Proverbs 20:4

WORK CONTINUED

» **Poverty**

Proverbs 6:9-11
Proverbs 10:4
Proverbs 14:23
Proverbs 20:13
Proverbs 23:21
Proverbs 24:30-34
Ecclesiastes 10:18

» **Death**

Proverbs 21:25

» **Starved soul**

Proverbs 13:4

» **Forced labour**

Proverbs 12:24

g. Take time from work for rest and worship

1. Sabbath

» **Lord established Sabbath**

Genesis 2:2-3
Exodus 20:11
Exodus 31:17
Hebrews 4:4, 10

» **Sabbath required in Old Testament**

Exodus 12:16
Exodus 20:9-10
Exodus 23:12
Exodus 34:21
Exodus 35:2
Leviticus 23:3
Deuteronomy 5:13-14
Nehemiah 10:31
Jeremiah 17:21-22, 24

» **Penalty for not serving Sabbath**

Exodus 31:15
Numbers 15:32-35
Nehemiah 13:15-18
Jeremiah 7:27

2. Sabbatical year

Exodus 23:10-11
Leviticus 25:1-5
Nehemiah 10:31

» **Consequences of not observing sabbatical year**

Leviticus 26:34
Leviticus 26:43

3. Year of Jubilee

Leviticus 25:11

4. Religious holidays in Old Testament

» **Passover**

Numbers 28:18
Numbers 28:25
Deuteronomy 16:8

» **Day of Atonement**

Leviticus 16:29
Leviticus 23:27-31

» **Feast of Unleavened Bread**

Leviticus 23:7-8

» **Feast of Booths**

Leviticus 23:34-36
Numbers 29:12, 35

» **Various religious festivals**

Leviticus 23:21
Leviticus 23:24-25
Numbers 28:26
Numbers 29:1
Numbers 29:7

ii. God's part in work

a. God gives job skills

Exodus 28:3
Exodus 31:1-3
Exodus 31:6
Exodus 35:30-35
Exodus 36:1-2
1 Chronicles 22:12
2 Chronicles 1:11-12
2 Chronicles 9:23
Ecclesiastes 2:26
Daniel 1:17
Daniel 2:21, 23

b. God gives success

Genesis 39:2-3
Ruth 2:12

1 Chronicles 22:11
Nehemiah 2:18, 20
Nehemiah 4:15, 19-20
Nehemiah 6:15-16
John 3:27

c. God ultimately controls promotion

1 Chronicles 29:12
2 Chronicles 9:8
Psalm 75:6-7
Daniel 2:37-38
Daniel 5:21

d. God can motivate people to work

Haggai 1:14

iii. Employer and employee responsibilities

a. Employer responsibilities

- 1. Pay a fair wage**
Jeremiah 22:13
Malachi 3:5
- » **Example of negotiating for a fair wage**
Genesis 29:15
Genesis 30:28
- » **Punishment for those not paying fair wage**
James 5:1, 3-4
- » **Parable with illustration of paying fair wage**
Matthew 20:1-16
- 2. Pay employee promptly**
Leviticus 19:13
Deuteronomy 24:14-15
- 3. Be just and fair**
Colossians 4:1
- » **Do not threaten, rather serve employee**
Ephesians 6:7-9
- 4. Listen to employee complaints**
Job 31:13-15

5. Give employee adequate rest or suffer consequences

Isaiah 58:3

6. If employer dishonest, employees become dishonest

Proverbs 29:12

7. Special treatment for employees who are believers

Exodus 21:2

Deuteronomy 15:12-14

» **Employer blessed for having godly employees**

Genesis 30:27

Genesis 39:5

8. Faithful employer

Nehemiah 5:14-18

9. Unfaithful employer

Exodus 1:13-14

10. Be selective in hiring employees

Proverbs 26:10

b. Employees responsibilities

1. Be faithful

Daniel 6:4

» **Serve godly employer even more faithfully**

1 Timothy 6:2

» **Success can be result of employee faithfulness**

Proverbs 17:2

Proverbs 27:18

Daniel 6:28

c. Example of employees so faithful that accountability not required

2 Kings 12:15

2 Kings 22:7

» **Example of supervised faithful employees**

2 Chronicles 34:12

» **Faithful employee a blessing to employer**

Proverbs 25:13

2. Be obedient to employer because actually serving Lord

Ephesians 6:5-8
Colossians 3:22-24
Titus 2:9-10

» **Even when working for unreasonable employer**

1 Peter 2:18-19

3. Honour your employer

1 Timothy 6:1
Titus 2:9

4. Do not slander your fellow employees

Proverbs 30:10

5. Be content with your wage

Luke 3:14

6. Act with moral integrity

Genesis 39:7-9

iv. General principles of work and business

a. Do not be in business partnership with unbelievers

2 Corinthians 6:14-17

b. Build business before building house

Proverbs 24:27

c. Productivity creates certain amount of clutter

Proverbs 14:4

d. Skilled people will be honoured

Proverbs 22:29

e. Do not presume upon tomorrow in business

James 4:13-15

f. Attend to your own business working with your hands

1 Thessalonians 4:11-12

g. Ungodly people will sometimes persecute the godly to protect a wicked business

Acts 19:24-28

h. The Lord can use work to humble us

Psalms 107:11-12

i. Fair remuneration required for goods and services

1 Kings 5:6
2 Chronicles 2:9-10

1. Example of unfair remuneration

1 Kings 9:10-12

j. Retirement

Numbers 8:24-26

k. The excellent wife works hard and is a blessing to her household

Proverbs 31:10-28
Titus 2:4-5

1. Empty pursuits result in poverty

Proverbs 12:11
Proverbs 28:19

SAVING AND INVESTING

i. Is saving/investing scripturally legitimate?

a. Verses that seem to legislate against saving

Matthew 6:19-21
Matthew 6:24-33
Matthew 19:16-21
Mark 6:8
Luke 5:11
Luke 12:22-34
Luke 18:18-30

1. We can save and invest only if we also give

Luke 12:13-21

b. Parable using saving and investing

Matthew 25:14-28
Luke 19:12-24

ii. Investment goals

a. Acceptable investment goals

1. Providing for your family

1 Timothy 5:8

2. Leaving an inheritance

» It is proper to leave an inheritance

Proverbs 13:22

Proverbs 19:14

Isaiah 38:1

2 Corinthians 12:14

» Old Testament laws of inheritance

Leviticus 25:46

Numbers 27:8-11

Numbers 36:2-9

Deuteronomy 18:8

Deuteronomy 21:15-17

Ezekiel 46:16-18

» The Lord and the tithe were the Levites' inheritance

Numbers 18:20-24

Ezekiel 44:28-30

» Examples of leaving an inheritance

Genesis 15:2-4

Genesis 24:35-36

Genesis 25:5

Genesis 31:14-16

Genesis 48:21-22

Joshua 24:32

Ruth 4:5-10

2 Chronicles 21:3

Ecclesiastes 5:13-14

Ecclesiastes 7:11

» A blessing of godly obedience was the ability to leave and receive an inheritance

1 Chronicles 28:8

Ezra 9:12

Psalm 25:12-13

Proverbs 17:2

» Parable using inheritance as an illustration

Luke 15:11-31

» Jesus responds to inheritance question

Luke 12:13-15

» Inheritance given too soon will not be a blessing

Proverbs 20:21

» It was practice to appoint a guardian until heir was old enough to manage the estate

Galatians 4:1-2

» It is vain to work hard to leave inheritance to the unwise or having no heirs

Ecclesiastes 2:18-21

Ecclesiastes 4:8

b. Unacceptable investment goals

1. The desire to become rich

1 Timothy 6:9

» When we desire to become rich we are loving money

1 Timothy 6:10

» Flee the temptation to become rich

1 Timothy 6:11

SAVING AND INVESTING CONTINUED

» **Worship only the Lord**

Matthew 4:8-10

Luke 4:5-8

iii. Saving

Proverbs 21:20

Proverbs 30:24-25

a. Example of saving for a future need

Genesis 41:34-36

iv. God's framework for successful investing

a. Know where the Lord wants you to invest

Isaiah 48:17

b. Diversify

Ecclesiastes 11:2

1. Business/vocation before acquiring home

Proverbs 24:27

» **Those who owned homes**

Matthew 8:14

Mark 1:29

Luke 4:38

» **Those who did not own a home**

Matthew 8:20

Acts 28:30

c. Avoid risky investments

Ecclesiastes 5:13-14,16

d. Be a steady plodder

Proverbs 21:5

1. Do not be hasty

Proverbs 21:5

Proverbs 28:20

Proverbs 28:22

e. Timing important

Ecclesiastes 3:1

f. Seek counsel

(See *Counsel section*)

g. Know financial condition to provide for needs and accomplish objectives

Proverbs 27:23-27

Luke 14:28-29

h. Planning and order encouraged

Proverbs 20:18

Proverbs 21:5

Proverbs 24:3-4

1 Corinthians 14:40

1 Corinthians 14:33

v. Instructions to successful investors

a. Do not be proud

Jeremiah 9:23-24

1 Timothy 6:17

James 1:9-11

b. Do not trust in riches

Jeremiah 48:7

Jeremiah 49:4-5

1 Timothy 6:17

c. Give generously

1 Timothy 6:18

d. Do not become inaccessible

Isaiah 5:8

i. General investing principles

a. Pay a fair price for an investment

Leviticus 25:14-17

1. Some deceive to avoid paying fair price

Proverbs 20:14

ii. Acceptable for a wife to invest

Proverbs 31:10, 16, 24

iii. Lending

a. Old Testament believer was to lend to needy believers

Deuteronomy 15:7-9

1. The lender was blessed

Psalm 112:5

2. New Testament extended obligation to those who asked for loan

Matthew 5:42

b. No interest was to be charged

Exodus 22:25

Leviticus 25:35-37

Deuteronomy 23:19

1. Example of violating this law

Nehemiah 5:3-12

2. Blessed if interest not charged

Deuteronomy 23:20

Psalm 15:1, 5

Ezekiel 18:7-17

3. Cursed if interest charged

Proverbs 28:8

Ezekiel 18:10, 13

Ezekiel 22:12-13

Habakkuk 2:6-7

4. Permissible to charge a foreigner interest

Deuteronomy 23:20

c. A necessity was not to be taken to secure a loan

Exodus 22:26-27

Deuteronomy 24:6, 10-13

Deuteronomy 24:17

1. Accusation of violating this law

Job 22:5-6

2. Blessed if no such pledge taken

Ezekiel 18:7, 9, 16-17

Ezekiel 33:15

3. Cursed if such a pledge taken

Ezekiel 18:10, 12-13

Amos 2:6, 8

» Wicked take such pledges

Job 24:3, 9

d. Loan repayment was not required

1. Debts forgiven every seven years (See *Debt* section)

2. In New Testament, lend even to enemies expecting no return

Luke 6:34-35

CHILDREN

i. Parents are responsible for teaching their children godly principles and practices of life

Deuteronomy 4:9

Deuteronomy 6:6-7

Deuteronomy 11:18-19

Proverbs 22:6

BUDGETING

i. Know your financial condition

a. To be able to provide for needs

Proverbs 27:23-27

b. To be able to successfully accomplish objectives

Luke 14:28-29

ii. Our lives should exhibit order

1 Corinthians 14:40

a. Lord is not a God of confusion

1 Corinthians 14:33

iii. Planning encouraged

Proverbs 20:18

Proverbs 21:5

Proverbs 24:3-4

CONTENTMENT

COVETING

i. Contentment is learned/enabled by the Lord

Philippians 4:11-13

» Be content/not anxious because Lord is our provider

Matthew 6:25-34

Luke 12:22-31

Hebrews 13:5-6

» Be content with basic needs of life satisfied

1 Timothy 6:8

» Be content with your salary

Luke 3:14

» Contentment comes largely because of a desire for Christ

Psalms 73:25

ii. Contentment and godliness yield great gain

1 Timothy 6:6

iii. A husband of an adulteress will not be content

Proverbs 6:35

i. Commanded not to covet

Exodus 20:17

Deuteronomy 5:21

Deuteronomy 7:25

a. Punishment threatened for coveting

Joshua 6:18

Micah 2:1-3

1. Example of punishment for coveting

Joshua 7:11-25

2. Examples of coveting given to instruct us

1 Corinthians 10:6

b. The covetous shall not inherit the Kingdom of God

1 Corinthians 6:9-10

1. Covetous person is an idolater

Ephesians 5:3, 5

c. Do not associate with a covetous believer

1 Corinthians 5:9-11

d. Example of godly person not coveting

Acts 20:33

ii. God can control coveting

Exodus 34:23-24

iii. Coveting used as illustration of the function of the law

Romans 7:7-8

EVIL USES OF MONEY

i. Betrayal of Jesus

Matthew 26:14-15

Matthew 27:3-10

Mark 14:10-11

Luke 22:3-5

Acts 1:18

ii. Brothers sold into slavery

Genesis 37:28

iii. Money paid for divination

Numbers 22:7

Numbers 22:18

Numbers 24:13

iv. Money offered for attempted murder of Jewish race

Esther 3:9-11

Esther 4:7

v. Money paid to harm Samson

Judges 16:4-5

Judges 16:18

vi. Money paid for murder

Judges 9:4

GREED

i. Commanded not to be greedy

Ephesians 5:3, 5

a. Greed is idolatry

Colossians 3:5

b. Guard against every form of greed

Luke 12:15

1. Exercise self-control if you tend to be greedy

Proverbs 23:1-3

c. When Christ becomes our desire, greed not a problem

Psalms 73:25

d. Example of godly person who was not greedy

1 Thessalonians 2:5

4. False prophets will exploit the body of Christ out of greed

2 Peter 2:1-3

2 Peter 2:14-15

5. There are those who will never be satisfied

Proverbs 30:15

6. Religious people can be greedy

Ezekiel 33:31

c. Example of Lord punishing greedy people

Numbers 11:34

2 Kings 5:20-27

Jeremiah 6:12-13

Jeremiah 8:10

ii. The Lord punishes greed

a. As an example to His children

1 Corinthians 10:6

1. What the greedy desired

Numbers 11:4-5

b. Example of greedy people

1 Samuel 14:32

1. Greedy leaders

Isaiah 56:11

2. Greedy people are wicked

Romans 1:28-29

Psalms 10:3-4

3. Greed will capture the greedy

Proverbs 11:6

IDOLATRY

i. Commanded not to be an idol worshipper

Exodus 20:23

a. Idols are the work of people's hands

Psalms 115:4

Psalms 135:15

1. God provides everything, even material used for idols

Hosea 1:8, 13

b. Greed equated with idolatry

Colossians 3:5

ii. God judges those who worship idols

Ezekiel 23:29-30

Micah 1:7

» Example of God's people destroying idols, then Lord blessing

Isaiah 30:22-23

iii. Example of idolatry cloaked in religion

Judges 17:2-4

PARTIALITY

i. Lord is not partial

Deuteronomy 10:17

2 Chronicles 19:7

Job 34:19

Ephesians 6:9

ii. We are not to be partial

Proverbs 28:21

a. It is sin to be partial

James 2:8-9

b. Do not be partial to the rich

James 2:1-9

c. Do not be partial to the poor

Exodus 23:3

Leviticus 19:15

d. Leaders/judges are not to be partial

Deuteronomy 1:17

Deuteronomy 16:18-19

2 Chronicles 19:6-7

iii. Cursed if partial

Malachi 2:9

iv. Correct attitudes

1. Be of the same mind towards one another

Romans 12:16

a. Consider others more important than yourself

Philippians 2:3

TAXES/TRIBUTE

i. Commanded to pay taxes

Romans 13:5-7

a. Jesus approved of paying taxes

Matthew 22:17-21

Mark 12:14-17

Luke 20:22-25

ii. Examples of taxes paid

2 Kings 3:4

2 Kings 15:20

2 Kings 23:33, 35

Ezra 6:8

a. Special reward - taxes not required to be paid

1 Samuel 17:25

b. No taxes/tribute required of Levites

Ezra 7:24

c. Jesus paid temple tax to avoid offence

Matthew 17:24-27

iii. Examples of tribute paid

1 Kings 4:21

2 Kings 17:1-3

2 Chronicles 17:5

2 Chronicles 17:12

2 Chronicles 27:5

2 Chronicles 36:3

Ezra 4:20

a. Threat of tribute not paid

Ezra 4:13

POOR

i. Commanded not to oppress the poor

Exodus 22:21-24
Job 34:28
Proverbs 28:3

a. Wicked oppress the poor

Isaiah 32:6-7

1. Description of people oppressing the poor

Proverbs 28:15
Proverbs 30:14

b. Judgement on those who oppress the poor

Job 20:10, 15, 18-20, 26, 28
Psalm 37:14-15
Psalm 109:11, 16
Proverbs 22:16
Proverbs 22:22-23
Isaiah 3:14-15
Isaiah 10:1-2
Jeremiah 22:1-5
Ezekiel 22:7, 29
Amos 2:6-7
Amos 4:1-2
Amos 5:9-12
Amos 8:4-6
Zechariah 7:9-12
Malachi 3:5

1. Request for the Lord to judge oppression of the poor

Psalm 94:2, 6, 7

c. Example of oppressing the poor

Jeremiah 2:34

1. Religious people oppressing the poor

Mark 12:38-40
Luke 20:46-47

d. Oppressing the poor is common

Ecclesiastes 5:8

ii. Defend/help the poor/helpless

Proverbs 31:8-9
Isaiah 1:17
Jeremiah 21:12

a. Godly people help the poor

Proverbs 29:7
Job 30:25

b. Lord blesses those who help the poor

Psalms 41:1-3
Proverbs 19:17

1. Blesses leader who helped the poor

Proverbs 29:14
Jeremiah 7:5-9

2. Feed the poor and the Lord will repay

Luke 14:12-23

c. Judge the poor fairly

Exodus 23:6
Deuteronomy 24:17

d. Show mercy to the poor

Daniel 4:25-27

e. Those who do not defend the poor will be judged

Jeremiah 5:27-29

1. Sin of Sodom, not helping the poor

Ezekiel 16:49

2. Example of leader who did not defend poor

Isaiah 1:23

f. How we treat the poor reflects upon the Lord

Proverbs 14:31
Proverbs 17:5

iii. God's part with the poor

a. Lord provides for/protects the poor and needy

Deuteronomy 10:18
Job 5:15
Psalm 9:18
Psalm 10:14
Psalm 12:5
Psalm 34:6
Psalm 35:10
Psalm 40:17
Psalm 68:6
Psalm 68:10
Psalm 69:33
Psalm 102:17
Psalm 107:4
Psalm 109:31
Psalm 113:7
Psalm 132:15
Psalm 140:12
Psalm 146:7
Psalm 146:9
Psalm 147:6
Proverbs 15:25
Isaiah 11:4
Isaiah 14:30
Isaiah 25:4
Isaiah 41:17
Jeremiah 20:13

1. Prayer for Lord to help the poor

Psalm 72:4, 10, 12-15
Psalm 74:21
Psalm 82:3-4
Psalm 109:21-22

2. Humanity's view of God's part and the poor

Job 24:2-12, 14

b. God's perspective of the poor

Revelation 2:9
Revelation 3:17-18

1. Lord chose weak to shame the strong

1 Corinthians 1:26-27

2. Lord made all people

Proverbs 22:2
Proverbs 29:13

3. Humanity's perspective of poor

Ecclesiastes 6:8

iv. Problems and benefits for poor

a. Problems for the poor

1. Poor have few friends

Proverbs 14:20
Proverbs 19:4
Proverbs 19:7

2. Poor suffer injustice

Proverbs 13:23

3. Poor relate to rich meekly

Proverbs 18:23

4. Poor serve rich

Proverbs 22:7

5. Poor are ignored

Ecclesiastes 9:14-16

6. Poverty

Proverbs 10:15

7. Prayer not to be poor

Proverbs 30:7-9

b. Benefits for poor

1. Poor are called blessed

Luke 6:20, 24

2. Poor are rich in faith

James 2:5

3. Gospel is preached to the poor

Isaiah 61:1
Matthew 11:2-5
Luke 4:18
Luke 7:22

4. Poor will not be kidnapped for riches

Proverbs 13:8

POOR CONTINUED

5. **Poor who know the Lord will be comforted in heaven**
Luke 16:19-25
6. **Poor can glory as children of God**
James 1:9-10
7. **During restoration of Israel, poor will benefit**
Isaiah 29:19
8. **Poor, but wise, understand the rich**
Proverbs 28:11
9. **Things poverty better than**
Proverbs 19:1
Proverbs 19:22
Proverbs 28:6

v. Examples of poor

- 1 Samuel 18:23
- Psalms 70:5
- Psalms 86:1
- Lamentations 1:11
- Luke 2:22-24
- 1 Corinthians 4:11-12
- 2 Corinthians 6:4-5, 10

- 2 Corinthians 11:27
- Philippians 4:11-14

a. Poor/rich in church

- 1 Corinthians 11:18-22

vi. Giving to the poor

a. Return of land

- Leviticus 25:11-13

b. Laws regarding poor becoming slaves

- Leviticus 25:39-54

1. Not obeying laws resulted in judgement

- Jeremiah 34:13-17

vii. Miscellaneous

a. Things that make a person poor

- Proverbs 13:18
- Proverbs 20:13
- Proverbs 21:17
- Proverbs 23:20-21

b. No poor in land if people fully obeyed

- Deuteronomy 15:4-5

c. Only poor left in defeated land

- 2 Kings 24:14
- 2 Kings 25:12
- Jeremiah 39:10
- Jeremiah 40:7
- Jeremiah 52:15

» **Other areas addressing poor: Work (122), Lending (129), Partiality (134)**

RICHES

i. Biblical perspective of possessions

a. Lord's perspective of riches

Revelation 2:9

1. People's perspective of possessions

Job 5:5

Job 15:29

Job 20:10, 15, 18-20, 26, 28

Job 21:13, 16

Job 22:23-25

Job 27:13, 16-17

Job 36:11

Job 36:19

Ecclesiastes 7:11-12

b. We take nothing with us when we die

Psalms 49:16-20

Ecclesiastes 5:13-15

1 Timothy 6:7

Psalms 39:6

c. You cannot buy redemption for your soul

Psalms 49:5-8

Proverbs 11:4

Matthew 16:26

Mark 8:36-37

Luke 9:25

d. Riches produce many "friends"

Proverbs 14:20

Proverbs 19:4

e. Wealth is fleeting

Proverbs 23:4-5

Hebrews 11:24-26

1 Peter 1:7

1 Peter 1:18

f. All possessions are nothing compared to knowing Jesus

Philippians 3:7-8

g. Riches are uncertain

1 Timothy 6:17

1. Riches useless apart from the Lord

Ecclesiastes 2:4-11

h. Things more valuable than riches

Job 28:15-19

Psalms 37:16

Psalms 119:14

Psalms 119:72

Psalms 119:127

Proverbs 3:13-16

Proverbs 8:10-11

Proverbs 8:18-21

Proverbs 15:16

Proverbs 16:8

Proverbs 16:16

Proverbs 16:19

Proverbs 19:1

Proverbs 20:15

Proverbs 22:1

Proverbs 28:6

i. Much required from those who have been given much

Luke 12:48

ii. Blessings of wealth

a. Righteous will be rewarded with prosperity

Proverbs 13:21

Proverbs 15:6

b. Wealth for person who meditates on Word of God

Psalms 1:1-3

c. The prosperous will worship the Lord

Psalms 22:29

RICHES CONTINUED

d. Praying for prosperity

Psalm 106:5
Psalm 122:6-7
Psalm 128:5
3 John 2

1. Rich godly people

Genesis 12:5
Genesis 13:2
Genesis 15:13-14
Genesis 24:1
Genesis 24:16
Genesis 24:35
Genesis 26:12-14
Genesis 30:43
Genesis 33:11
Genesis 41:42
Genesis 45:13
Genesis 46:6
Genesis 47:27
Joshua 22:8
Ruth 2:1
2 Samuel 1:24
1 Kings 10:4, 7
1 Kings 3:11-13
1 Chronicles 29:23
1 Chronicles 29:28
2 Chronicles 1:11-12
2 Chronicles 9:22
2 Chronicles 17:5
2 Chronicles 17:11-12
2 Chronicles 18:1
2 Chronicles 32:27-30
Nehemiah 9:25
Job 1:3
Daniel 3:30
Matthew 27:57
1 Corinthians 4:8, 11-12
Philippians 4:11-18

e. Lord delights in prosperity of His servants

Psalm 35:27

f. Not all will prosper

Hebrews 11:36-40

g. Jesus is worthy to receive riches

Revelation 5:12

h. The wise can become rich

Proverbs 14:24

i. How wealth is acquired

Proverbs 24:3-4

1. Things that keep people from wealth

Proverbs 21:17
Proverbs 22:16

iii. Dangers of wealth

a. Loving wealth

Psalm 62:10

b. Pride

Ezekiel 28:4-5
1 Timothy 6:17

1. Rich should not be proud because life is short

James 1:9-11

2. Boast in Lord not riches

Jeremiah 9:23-24

c. Riches afford a sense of security

Proverbs 10:15
Proverbs 18:11
Psalm 30:6-7

1. Those who trust in riches

Psalm 49:10-12

d. Wealth tends to separate people

Genesis 13:5-11
Genesis 26:12-16
Genesis 36:6-7
Isaiah 5:8

1. Riches can separate Christians

1 Corinthians 11:18-22

e. Riches are deceitful/can choke fruitfulness

Proverbs 11:18
Matthew 13:4-5, 7, 22
Mark 4:2-3, 7, 18-19
Luke 8:7, 14

f. Hard for rich to enter Kingdom

Matthew 19:16-26
Mark 10:17-27
Luke 18:28-30

1. Rich who do not know Lord will be separated from Him for eternity

Luke 16:19-25

g. Rich think they are wise

Proverbs 28:11

h. How the rich treat the poor

Proverbs 18:23
Proverbs 22:7
James 2:6-7

i. Wealth can contribute to forgetting the Lord

Deuteronomy 6:10-12
Deuteronomy 8:9-18
Deuteronomy 31:20
Proverbs 30:7-9
Jeremiah 22:21-22
Revelation 3:17-18

j. Wealth creates envy

Genesis 26:12-14, 16
Genesis 31:1

iv. Curses of wealth

a. Curse of kidnapping

Proverbs 13:8

b. Curse of lack of sleep

Ecclesiastes 5:12

c. Woes pronounced upon the rich

Luke 6:24
James 5:1-5

v. Why do the wicked prosper?

Psalms 10:3-5
Psalm 37:1-2, 7, 9-11
Psalm 73:1-20
Proverbs 11:16
Jeremiah 12:1-2

a. Ungodly rich

1 Samuel 25:2
Esther 1:4
Esther 5:11
Isaiah 2:7
Ezekiel 27:33
Daniel 11:2
Luke 19:2

b. Commanded not to seek prosperity of particular people

Deuteronomy 23:6
Ezra 9:12

vi. Wrong way to prosper

a. Some prosper by sinning without acknowledging sin

Hosea 12:8
Zechariah 11:5

» **Some act religious to prosper**
Judges 17:13

vii. Miscellaneous

Proverbs 2:4
Ecclesiastes 10:20

RICHES CONTINUED

a. People sometimes deceive as to their financial status

Proverbs 13:7

b. Money used to illustrate the value of the Kingdom of God

Matthew 13:44-46

c. Righteous living equated with silver

Proverbs 10:20

d. Judgement on wealthy, ungodly nations

Isaiah 15:7

Jeremiah 51:13

Ezekiel 27:3, 12-27

Hosea 10:1-2

Zephaniah 1:11, 13, 18

Zechariah 9:3-4

e. The king was not to become too rich

Deuteronomy 17:16-17

1. Kings disobeyed command not to become too rich

1 Kings 4:26

1 Kings 10:14-28

2 Chronicles 1:14-17

2 Chronicles 9:8-27

f. Prophecy

Psalms 45:12

Isaiah 39:2, 4-6

Isaiah 60:5-6, 9, 11

Isaiah 61:6-7

Haggai 2:7

Zechariah 1:17

Zechariah 7:7

Revelation 6:15-16

Revelation 13:16-17

Revelation 17:4

Revelation 18:3

Revelation 18:11-19

g. Prospects of wealth used as motivation

Genesis 34:10-12

Genesis 34:21, 23

1 Samuel 17:25

MISCELLANEOUS

a. Business

1 Kings 10:29
Proverbs 20:14
James 4:13-15

b. Financial consequences of adultery

Proverbs 5:10
Proverbs 6:35
Proverbs 29:3

c. Human heart

Proverbs 23:6-8
Ezekiel 33:31
James 3:14-16
James 4:2-3
2 Peter 2:3

d. Old Testament law concerning marriage

Deuteronomy 21:14

e. Some have no concern with money

Isaiah 13:17
2 Samuel 21:4

f. Miscellaneous

Ruth 3:10
Proverbs 11:26
Proverbs 12:9
Proverbs 23:23
Isaiah 53:9
Matthew 13:52
Mark 5:25-26
Acts 22:28

g. Do not fine the righteous

Proverbs 17:26

h. Lord's judgement

Isaiah 7:23
Isaiah 23:18

i. The Messiah will prosper

Isaiah 52:13
Isaiah 53:10

j. A relationship with the Lord cannot be bought

Isaiah 55:1-2

k. Unfaithfulness equated with harlotry

Ezekiel 16:33-34

l. Laws concerning the priests and the land

Ezekiel 48:14

m. Lord valued little by ungodly

Zechariah 11:12-13

n. More given to one who has; all taken from one who has not

Mark 4:24-25

o. Money used to illustrate angelic joy of salvation

Luke 15:8-10

p. View of ownership in the early church

Acts 2:44-45
Acts 4:32-37

q. People coming to know Lord give up costly evil things

Acts 19:18-19

r. Vindication

Genesis 20:16

s. Spoils, plunder

Genesis 34:27-29
1 Samuel 17:53

MISCELLANEOUS CONTINUED

1 Kings 20:1-6, 8
2 Kings 14:12, 14
2 Chronicles 20:25
Ezra 9:7
Esther 8:11
Esther 9:5, 10
Isaiah 10:5-6
Isaiah 10:12-14
Ezekiel 26:12
Ezekiel 30:4
Hosea 13:15
Amos 3:11
Obadiah 1:13
Obadiah 1:6, 11
Micah 4:13
Nahum 2:9-10
Nahum 3:1
Habakkuk 2:6-8
Zephaniah 1:11, 13, 18
Zephaniah 2:9

t. Lifestyle

2 Corinthians 8:13-15
1 Timothy 2:9

u. Restitution

Exodus 21:18-19
Exodus 21:22
Exodus 21:28-30
Exodus 21:32-36

v. Leaders

1 Samuel 8:10-11, 14-17
Ezekiel 45:7-8 ,

w. Prophecy

Jeremiah 32:6-7, 9, 14-15
Jeremiah 32:25
Ezekiel 7:11-13, 19
Ezekiel 38:10-13
Daniel 11:24
Daniel 11:38
Daniel 11:43
Zechariah 14:1-2
Zechariah 14:14
Luke 17:28

2 Timothy 3:1-2
Revelation 6:6
Revelation 6:15-16
Revelation 9:20-21
Revelation 13:16-17
Revelation 17:4
Revelation 18:3
Revelation 18:11-19

x. Dishonest people in church/ religious settings

Jeremiah 7:5-9, 11
Micah 3:11
Matthew 21:12-13
Mark 11:15-17
Luke 19:45-46
John 2:14-16
2 Corinthians 12:14
1 Timothy 3:2-3
1 Timothy 3:8
1 Timothy 6:5-6
Titus 1:10-11
1 Peter 5:1-2

y. Perspective

- 1. One who loves money will never get enough**
Ecclesiastes 5:10-11
- 2. Miscellaneous verses**
Song of Solomon 8:7
Isaiah 24:2
Isaiah 52:3
Lamentations 4:1-2
Matthew 22:5
Luke 12:13-15
Luke 16:1-14
Acts 8:18-24
1 Corinthians 10:33
2 Corinthians 6:4, 10
Colossians 3:1-5
1 Timothy 4:4
Hebrews 10:34
Hebrews 11:24-26
1 John 2:15-17
- 3. Good in spite of money offered for evil**
2 Samuel 18:11-12

4. Mercenary

- 1 Kings 15:16-20
- 2 Kings 16:5, 8-9
- 2 Chronicles 16:2-4

5. Litigation

- Isaiah 59:2, 4
- Matthew 5:25-26
- Matthew 5:40
- Luke 6:29-30
- Luke 12:58-59
- 1 Corinthians 6:1-8

6. The wicked oppose the work of God when it costs them money

- Acts 16:16-19
- Acts 19:24-27