

God Cares!

When God placed us here upon the earth, He did not intend for us to struggle with our finances. God provides for us! And just like we teach our children how to handle finances, God also has instructions for us. Otherwise, we can end up like many of our children: either spending unwisely, or being broke! And fortunately, God has a lot to say about this important subject. His Word gives us important principles that if we were to live by them, we would never do without.

Before we talk about God's provision for our lives, it is necessary to talk about how Christians in general should view their money. As you can imagine, there is a fundamental difference between the way God looks at money and the way most people look at it. For most people, their main goal is to make money so that they can live a comfortable life. For some, this might mean making



enough simply to be able to meet the bills. For others, it means they make as much as possible so that they can enjoy life now and then have a great retirement.

A Heavenly Priority!

A Christian's standpoint is different. He understands that life does not consist in the thing he owns, or the fact that he can put bread on the table. A Christian has a different focus for life. He lives for eternity. He lives to get to know God. He understands that God has a will and purpose for His life, and he lives to fulfill His will. It is not that money is not important. However, money takes a secondary importance. His life with God now takes priority.



When a person has as his goal a comfortable life, he uses his money to secure it. The Christian also

views money as a tool. However, it is a tool to help him fulfill God's purposes for him here on this earth.

This is not to say that a Christian should give all of his money into the Kingdom of God or that he cannot not enjoy nice things! However, things are no longer primary in life, but secondary.



This attitude is impossible to have for a person who is not born again. It is too great of a sacrifice. As you know, money often comes between a person and God. That is because the love of money and possessions have become a god to a lot of people.

However, when a person is born again, when a person has been touched by the love of God, the love for God springs up within him, and he wants to serve God

with everything he has, including his money. His values take a 180 degree turn affecting his money and every area of his life. So you can see, there is a fundamental change the way a person views money once he becomes saved.

What Jesus Said

Here are a few statements Jesus said about this subject. Meditate on them, and let God speak to you!

"Therefore I say unto you, be not anxious for your life, what you shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what you shall put on. Is not the life more than the food, and the body than the clothing?" Matthew 6:25, ASV.

"But seek first His kingdom, and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you," Matthew 6:33, ASV.

"No man can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to one, and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money," Matthew 6:24, ASV.

"And he said unto them, Take heed, and keep yourselves from all covetousness: for a man's life consists not in the abundance of the things which he possesses," Luke 12:15, ASV.

"Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon the earth, where moth and rust consume, and where thieves break through and steal: but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust does consume, and where thieves do not break through nor steal." Matthew 6:19-20, ASV.

So what is your priority, money or God?! If it is money, ask God to help you make a fundamental change in your life, to see it as He does. In another lesson, we will talk more about God's economic plan for our lives. May God richly bless you as you continue to seek Him!

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