



MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



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IS MONEY OR GOD YOUR MASTER?

World-wide economic inflation has caused financial stress to many people. However, the good news is the study of the Bible reveals principles for money management.

For the average individual up to 80% of the waking day is spent dreaming about, thinking about and in the pursuit of money.

How does this apply to the committed Christian?

Many of Christ's parables are about God's attitude toward money and possessions. Our attitudes about the management of life, including money and possessions, reveal much to God about each of us. Our use of money and other possessions demonstrates to God our usefulness to Him and whether we can be trusted with riches eternally.

Examine yourselves to see whether you put your trust in God or in your money; test yourselves. Do you not realize that Christ Jesus is in you—unless, of course, you fail the test? 2 Corinthians 13:5

“Do not weary yourself to gain riches, cease from your consideration of it. When you set your eyes on it, it is gone. Many spend before they plan and are expecting a monthly miracle. There should be no spending without planning.

WHAT KIND OF ATTITUDES AND HABITS DO YOU HAVE REGARDING MONEY AND POSSESSIONS?



“If your thoughts, your plans, your purposes, are all directed toward the accumulation of the things of earth, your anxiety, your study, your interests, will all be centered upon the world. The heavenly attractions will lose their beauty...Your heart will be with your treasure...You will have no time to devote to the study of the Scriptures and to earnest prayer that you may escape the snares of Satan.”

E. G. White, Our High Calling (1961)

Many people equate wealth with happiness. “Can you sell me some happiness?”

“Nope...No store can.”

The world says, “Wealth and possessions determine the happiness of life.”

God says, “Life does not consist of what you possess.” Luke 12:15

The world says, “I’ll be satisfied when I have more.”

God says, “He who loves money will not be satisfied with money.” Ecclesiastes 5:10

“Money may bring you Food, but not appetite; Medicine, but not health; Acquaintances, but not friends; Servants, but not loyalty; Joy, but not peace and happiness.”

Henrik Ibsen

