

Uncomplicating Money Uncomplicating Relationships February 28, 2021

Haggai 1:5-7 (NIV) Now this is what the Lord Almighty says: "Give careful thought to your ways. You have planted much, but have harvested little. You eat, but never have enough. You drink, but never have your fill. You put on clothes, but are not warm. You earn wages, only to put them in a purse with holes in it." This is what the Lord Almighty says: "Give careful thought to your ways."

Jesus talked about money twice as much as heaven & hell.

16 of the 38 parables of Jesus dealt with money & possessions.

Matthew 6:21 (NIV) For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

"If a person gets their attitude toward money straight, it will help straighten out almost every other area of their life." –Rev. Billy Graham

Why is money so complicated?

Luke 16:13 (NKJV) No servant can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon.

Myths about Money

- **"If I have more money, I will be more secure."**

Proverbs 18:11 (NIV) The wealth of the rich is their fortified city; they imagine it a wall too high to scale.

Hebrews 13:5-6 (NIV) Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said, "Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you." So we say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can mere mortals do to me?"

- **"My self-worth is measured by my net worth."**

Luke 12:15 (NLT) Then He said, "Beware! Guard against every kind of greed. Life is not measured by how much you own."

Ecclesiastes 5:10 (NLT) Those who love money will never have enough. How absurd to think that wealth brings true happiness!

Romans 4:7-8 (NCV) Happy are they whose sins are forgiven, whose wrongs are pardoned. Happy is the person whom the Lord does not consider guilty.

- **"My stuff belongs to me."**

1 Chronicles 29:10-12 (NIV) Praise be to You, O Lord, God of our father Israel, from everlasting to everlasting. Yours, O Lord, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the majesty and the

splendor, for everything in heaven and earth is Yours. Yours, O Lord, is the kingdom; You are exalted as head over all. Wealth and honor come from You; You are the ruler of all things. In Your hands are strength and power to exalt and give strength to all.

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Leviticus 27:30 (TLB) A tenth of all you produce... is the Lord's, and it is holy.

Malachi 3:6-12 (NIV) "I the Lord do not change... Ever since the time of your ancestors you have turned away from My decrees and have not kept them. Return to Me, and I will return to you," says the Lord Almighty. "But you ask, 'How are we to return?' "Will a mere mortal rob God? Yet you rob Me. "But you ask, 'How are we robbing You?' "In tithes and offerings. You are under a curse— your whole nation—because you are robbing Me. Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in My house. Test Me in this," says the LORD Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it. I will prevent pests from devouring your crops, and the vines in your fields will not drop their fruit before it is ripe," says the Lord Almighty. "Then all the nations will call you blessed, for yours will be a delightful land," says the Lord Almighty.

- **"Isn't tithing an Old Testament law?" Tithing communicates that God is first.**

Genesis 1:1 (NIV) In the beginning God...

Deuteronomy 14:23 (TLB) The purpose of tithing is to teach you to always put God in first place in your life.

- **"I cannot afford to tithe." Tithing is a test of my faith.**
- **"The church doesn't need my money." Tithing allows the church to do the work of the Lord.**

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