



## MONEY MATTERS!

Money ... we all need it to live in this world! People think that when they have money they will have the power to get whatever they want. So many spend their lives trying to get more and more, and others even gamble or steal to get money. Money begins to control their lives. What should our attitude be towards money as God's children?

### **1. OUR ATTITUDE TO MONEY**

Read Matthew 6:19-24, 31-33

† What do you think Jesus means when He speaks of 'treasure'?

Matthew 6:19 \_\_\_\_\_

💡 What are treasures in your life? Share.

† Why do you think Jesus advises us not to store treasure here on earth?

Matthew 6:19, 21, 24 \_\_\_\_\_

† What other dangers does the Word of God warn us about concerning money?

1Timothy 6:9-10, 17 \_\_\_\_\_

† What assurance does Jesus give if we put Him first in our lives?

1Timothy 6:18-19; Matthew 6:31-33 \_\_\_\_\_

Although we all need money, Jesus tells us not to allow money to become our master, but to trust Him to meet our needs.

💡 Can you share a time when God has provided your financial or material needs?

### **2. HOW SHOULD WE USE OUR MONEY?**



† What truth did David understand about God?

1 Chronicles 29:13-14, 16 \_\_\_\_\_

Everything we have comes from God and we are only stewards or servants of what He has given us. See Matthew 25:14. How are we to use what God has given us?

#### A. GIVE BACK TO GOD

We are to honor God by giving Him part of our income. In the Old Testament the people were to give one tenth (1/10) of what they had to the Lord. This is called the 'tithe'. Jesus confirmed this principle, but he wants us to have the right attitude when we give.

† What should our attitude be in giving to God?

2 Corinthians 9:6-7 \_\_\_\_\_

† What does God promise to do when we give to him with a right attitude?

2 Corinthians 9:8 \_\_\_\_\_

Malachi 3:10-12 \_\_\_\_\_

## B. HELP THE POOR

† What else does God expect us to do with what we have?

Romans 12:13 \_\_\_\_\_

Hebrews 13:16 \_\_\_\_\_



## C. FOR YOUR OWN NEEDS

When Jesus said we were not to worry about what we would eat or drink, He did not mean we were to do nothing!

† What responsibilities do we have?

1 Timothy 5:8 \_\_\_\_\_

2 Thessalonians 3:10 \_\_\_\_\_

God wants us to be generous in giving to His work, and also to help those in need. Not only that, we have a responsibility to our families as well. We may be wondering if there will be anything left over for ourselves!

† What does Paul tell the Christians in Philippi, who had been helping him financially?

Philippians 4:15, 18-19 \_\_\_\_\_

Jesus said: "If you give, you will receive. Your gift will return to you in full measure ... whatever measure you use in giving ... it will be used to measure what is given back to you." Luke 6:38. Let us not be afraid to do what God says in his word about money. You can never 'out give' God! That means he will give you far more than you could ever give to him!



What has God spoken to you about from this study?  
Share and pray for one another.

### Memory Verse

"Wherever your treasure is, there your heart and thoughts will also be."

*Matthew 6:21*