

## THE CHRISTIAN AND MONEY PT.2

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### THE CHRISTIAN'S FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITIES

#### 1. TITHES AND OFFERINGS

##### Malachi 3:7-12

7 From the days of your fathers **you have turned aside from my statutes** and **have not kept them.**

**Return to me, and I will return to you,** says the Lord of hosts. But you say, **'How shall we return?'**

8 Will man rob God? Yet **you are robbing me.** But you say, **'How have we robbed you?'** In your **tithes and contributions.**

9 You are cursed with a curse, for you are robbing me, the whole nation of you.

10 **BRING THE FULL TITHE INTO THE STOREHOUSE,** that there may be food in my house. And **thereby put me to the test,** says the Lord of hosts, if I will not **open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you a blessing until there is no more need.**

11 **I will rebuke the devourer for you,** so that it will not destroy the fruits of your soil, and your vine in the field shall not fail to bear, says the Lord of hosts.

12 Then all nations will call you blessed, for you will be a land of delight, says the Lord of hosts.

#### 2. PROVIDE FOR FAMILY

##### 2 Thessalonians 3:10-12

10 For even when we were with you, we would give you this command: **If anyone is not willing to work, let him not eat.**

11 For we hear that some among you walk in idleness, not busy at work, but busybodies.

12 **Now such persons we command and encourage in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living.**

##### 1 Timothy 5:8

**"But if anyone does not provide for his relatives, and especially for members of his household, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever."**

#### 3. DISTRIBUTE TO THE NEEDY

##### Acts 4:32-37

32 Now the full number of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one said that any of the things that belonged to him was his own, but they had everything in common.

33 And with great power the apostles were giving their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all.

34 There was not a needy person among them, for as many as were owners of lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold  
35 and laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.  
36 Thus Joseph, who was also called by the apostles Barnabas (which means son of encouragement), a Levite, a native of Cyprus,  
37 sold a field that belonged to him and brought the money and laid it at the apostles' feet.

## **2 Corinthians 8:1–16**

1 We want you to know, brothers, about the grace of God that has been given among the churches of Macedonia,  
2 for in a severe test of affliction, their abundance of joy and their extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of generosity on their part.  
3 For they gave according to their means, as I can testify, and beyond their means, of their own accord,  
4 begging us earnestly for the favor of taking part in the relief of the saints—  
5 and this, not as we expected, but they gave themselves first to the Lord and then by the will of God to us.  
6 Accordingly, we urged Titus that as he had started, so he should complete among you this act of grace.  
7 But as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in all earnestness, and in our love for you—see that you excel in this act of grace also.  
8 I say this not as a command, but to prove by the earnestness of others that your love also is genuine.  
9 For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich.  
10 And in this matter I give my judgment: this benefits you, who a year ago started not only to do this work but also to desire to do it.  
11 So now finish doing it as well, so that your readiness in desiring it may be matched by your completing it out of what you have.  
12 For if the readiness is there, it is acceptable according to what a person has, not according to what he does not have.  
13 For I do not mean that others should be eased and you burdened, but that as a matter of fairness  
14 your abundance at the present time should supply their need, so that their abundance may supply your need, that there may be fairness.  
15 As it is written, “Whoever gathered much had nothing left over, and whoever gathered little had no lack.”  
16 But thanks be to God, who put into the heart of Titus the same earnest care I have for you.

**Matthew 6:24**

"No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money."

**Philippians 4:10–19**

10 I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at length you have revived your concern for me. You were indeed concerned for me, but you had no opportunity.

11 Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content.

12 I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need.

13 I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

14 Yet it was kind of you to share my trouble.

15 And you Philippians yourselves know that in the beginning of the gospel, when I left Macedonia, no church entered into partnership with me in giving and receiving, except you only.

16 Even in Thessalonica you sent me help for my needs once and again.

17 Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the fruit that increases to your credit.

18 I have received full payment, and more. I am well supplied, having received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent, a fragrant offering, a sacrifice acceptable and pleasing to God.

19 And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus.

**1 Timothy 6:6–8**

6 But godliness with contentment is great gain,

7 for we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world.

8 But if we have food and clothing, with these we will be content.

**THE CHRISTIAN AND NECESSITIES OF LIFE****Luke 22:35–38**

35 And he said to them, "When I sent you out with no moneybag or knapsack or sandals, did you lack anything?" They said, "Nothing."

36 He said to them, "But now let the one who has a moneybag take it, and likewise a knapsack. And let the one who has no sword sell his cloak and buy one.

37 For I tell you that this Scripture must be fulfilled in me: 'And he was numbered with the transgressors.' For what is written about me has its fulfillment."

38 And they said, "Look, Lord, here are two swords." And he said to them, "It is enough."

**Matthew 6:25–33**

25 "Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing?

26 Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they?

27 And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life?

28 And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin,  
29 yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.  
30 But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith?  
31 Therefore do not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?'  
32 For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all.  
33 But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

## **THE CHRISTIAN AND WEALTH**

### **1 Timothy 6:9-11**

9 But **those who desire to be rich fall into temptation, into a snare, into many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction.**  
10 For **the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils. It is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs.**  
11 But as for you, O man of God, **flee these things. Pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, gentleness.**

### **1 Timothy 6:17-19**

17 As for the rich in this present age, **charge them not to be haughty, nor to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches,** but on God, who richly provides us with everything to enjoy.  
18 **They are to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share,**  
19 **thus storing up treasure for themselves as a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is truly life.**

### **Matthew 6:19-21**

19 **"Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal,**  
20 **but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal.**  
21 **For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.**