

# RIGHT ATTITUDES TOWARDS MONEY

## I. THE SUBJECT OF STEWARDSHIP IS VERY IMPORTANT

It is personal. It is practical. It is necessary. It is beneficial. It is for others.

## II. RIGHTEOUS AND BIBLICAL ATTITUDES TOWARD MONEY

A. God is the Lord, the owner, the master, and you are the slave, the steward, the manager. All that you have is from God, for all that you have is from God, and is owned by God, and not 10% or 20% of it, but 100% of it. 1 Corinthians 6:19

B. You are God's slave, His steward, and you're to manage His money, the money He has entrusted to you. You are to do business with it until He comes back.

## III. WRONG ATTITUDES TOWARDS MONEY

A. You are not to love money. You cannot love God and money at the same time. If you love money then money is your god, and is that which controls you; and then you are worshiping it, and you will worry about it. Luke 16:14-15, Matthew 6:24

B. Why do people love money? 2 Timothy 3:2-4

1. Loving money relates to loving self. A person loves money because of what he uses it to satisfy himself, his desires, his wants and his pleasures.

2. Loving money relates to wanting security. But money cannot really protect you from problems or difficulties, or keep you safe. Only God can do that. Luke 12:13-21

3. Loving money relates to wanting success. Yes, money may make you successful in the eyes of men, but surely not in the eyes of God. Luke 6:24-26

4. Do not let money become an idol in your life. God hates that, and righteously so, for God should be your God and no one or nothing else. Psalm 119:57, 72; Isaiah 46:6-7

## IV. LOVING MONEY IS THE ROOT OF ALL SORTS OF EVIL - 1 Timothy 6:6-11

A. Money itself is not intrinsically evil. The problem is not the money but the love of money, and wanting to get rich for the wrong reasons.

B. Wanting to make more money is not evil. All of you should want to make money for the right reasons, for your needs, the needs of others, and for God's work to be done.

C. Those wanting to get rich for the wrong reasons will fall into temptation, and into sin. All those loving money will experience different kinds of evil. Some examples of evil – jealousy, lying, cheating, going into debt, injustice for the poor, stealing, robbery, corruption, bribery, marriage problems, worry, working too much, discontent, and not loving God.

#### V. WHERE IS YOUR TREASURE - Matthew 6:19-21, 24-25, 30-34

A. You need to see and to make sure that God is your treasure, and not your money.

B. Have an eternal perspective with money. You can actually use your money to make friends in heaven. Luke 16:9; Proverbs 28:20, 23:4

C. Worrying about money and physical things shows where your heart is at. What should you do when you worry? Stop worrying. Trust the Lord. Seek God's Kingdom. Then God will make sure that your needs are met.

#### VI. SPENDING MONEY – Proverbs 31:10

A. People often spend money on things they don't need. Be careful of wasting money on things you don't need.

B. People can also spend money that they don't have. Credit card debt

C. Acts 20:35 – *"It is more blessed to give than to receive."*

DO NOT BE AFRAID LITTLE FLOCK,  
FOR THE FATHER HAS CHOSEN GLADLY  
TO GIVE YOU THE KINGDOM.

Luke 12:32

#### SOME QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION AND APPLICATION

1. What is the main thing you believe that God wants you to learn from this lesson?
2. What does it mean to be a steward for God?
3. Explain what it means when we say that God owns it all?
4. What are some of the reasons that people love money?
5. Why is loving money so evil? What are some of the results of loving money?
6. What does it mean to have an eternal perspective with money? How are you doing at investing money in an eternal way? How are your spiritual investments?
7. How are your spending habits? Are there ways you can improve?