

The Practical Matters – Part 3

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The Big Picture

Money is Good. – Acts 20:35

Money is Dangerous. – Matthew 6:24

Money is Stewardship. – 1 Corinthians 10:31; 16:14

God wants us to make and use money:

The Scripture gives a vision for work (making money) and for using the money we make in specific ways for God's glory and the good of others and our own good.

- **To provide for ourselves.** (1 Thessalonians 4:11-12; 2 Thessalonians 3:6-12; Mark 12:41-44)

¹¹ and to make it your ambition to lead a quiet life and attend to your own business and work with your hands, just as we commanded you, ¹² so that you will behave properly toward outsiders and *not be in any need.* – 1 Thessalonians 4:11-12

- **To provide for our families.** (1 Timothy 5:8; Ephesians 5:28-31; 2 Corinthians 12:14; Proverbs 13:22; Mark 7:24-30)

But if anyone does not *provide for his own, and especially for those of his household,* he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever. – 1 Timothy 5:8

- **To provide for our parents.** (1 Timothy 5:3-4; Matthew 15:4-6)

³ Honor widows who are widows indeed; ⁴ but if any widow has children or grandchildren, they must first learn to practice piety in regard to their own family and *to make some return to their parents;* for this is acceptable in the sight of God. – 1 Timothy 5:3-4

- **To provide for those in need.** (Ephesians 4:28; Proverbs 14:31; 28:8; 2 Corinthians 8:12-15; Luke 16:19-23)

He who steals must steal no longer; but rather he must labor, performing with his own hands what is good, *so that he will have something to share with one who has need.* – Ephesians 4:28

- **To provide for the local church.** (Galatians 6:6-8; Matthew 10:10; Luke 10:7; 1 Corinthians 9:6-14; 1 Timothy 5:17-18; Acts 4:32-37; Malachi 3:8-12)

⁶ *The one who is taught the word is to share all good things with the one who teaches him.* ⁷ Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, this he

will also reap. ⁸ For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life. – Galatians 6:6-8

- **To provide for missions.** (3 John 1:5-8; 1 Corinthians 16:6, 11; 2 Corinthians 11:9; Philippians 4:15-18; Titus 3:13-14)

⁵ Beloved, you are acting faithfully in whatever you accomplish for the brethren, and especially *when they are* strangers; ⁶ and they have testified to your love before the church. You will do well to send them on their way in a manner worthy of God. ⁷ For *they went out for the sake of the Name, accepting nothing from the Gentiles.* ⁸ Therefore we ought to support such men, so that we may be fellow workers with the truth. – 3 John 1:5-8

- **To do good to others.** (Galatians 6:9-10; Luke 6:31-35, 38; Proverbs 25:21; 28:27; Titus 3:13-14; Luke 10:29-37)

⁹ Let us not lose heart in doing good, for in due time we will reap if we do not grow weary. ¹⁰ So then, while we have opportunity, *let us do good to all people*, and especially to those who are of the household of the faith. – Galatians 6:9-10

- **To provide for good government.** (Romans 13:6-8; Matthew 22:15-22)

⁶ For *because of this you also pay taxes, for rulers are servants of God*, devoting themselves to this very thing. ⁷ Render to all what is due them: tax to whom tax is due; custom to whom custom; fear to whom fear; honor to whom honor. ⁸ Owe nothing to anyone except to love one another; for he who loves his neighbor has fulfilled *the law.* - Romans 13:6-8

- **To pursue our holiness and happiness.** (2 Corinthians 9:6, 10-11; Luke 12:31-34; Matthew 6:19-24; Luke 14:13-14; Matthew 6:2-4; Proverbs 14:21; 19:17; 22:9; Luke 6:38; Acts 20:33-35; Luke 16:1-15)

⁶ Now this *I say, he who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully.* ... ¹⁰ Now He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and *increase the harvest of your righteousness;* ¹¹ *you will be enriched in everything for all liberality,* which through us is producing thanksgiving to God. – 2 Corinthians 9:5-12

- **To glorify God in Christ who is the Ultimate Giver.** (2 Corinthians 8:9; Matthew 5:43-48; 7:7-11; 2 Corinthians 9:10-15; Luke 6:27-36; 15:11-24)

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 through His poverty might become rich. – 2 Corinthians 8:9