

C. The Power of Economic Confusion is in God's Control
(v 20c)

1. Keep Your _____ in the Game
2. Keep Your _____ in Order by:
 - a. Taking Personal Inventory
 - b. Minimizing Your Debt
 - c. Managing Your Money
3. Keep Your _____ in Your Faith
4. Keep Your _____ in God

*"3 By wisdom a house is built, and through understanding it is established;
4 through knowledge its rooms are filled with rare and beautiful treasures."*
Proverbs 24:3-4

CONCLUSION: When dealing with God's money it becomes either a tool or an idol, but it is how we manage God's property is what matter most.

"So if you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches?"
Luke 16:11

CURIOUS

Curious About Money Pastor Gary Moritz

INTRODUCTION

- A. Are you curious about the things that are happening in our culture and world today?

"That ye be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from us, as that the day of Christ is at hand."
II Thessalonians 2:2

- B. In this series, we will respond to some of the top ten questions and concerns in our society today. They are...

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- C. **TEXT:** Ecclesiastes 5:10-20 (Pew Bible/Page 615/Old Test.)

"The heavens are thine, the earth also is thine: as for the world and the fulness thereof, thou hast founded them" Proverbs 23:4

CURIOUS ABOUT MONEY

I. THE MORE WE HAVE, THE MORE WE _____ (v10)

“And the cares of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, and the lusts of other things entering in, choke the word, and it becometh unfruitful.” Mark 4:19

“...You cannot serve God and mammon” Matthew 6:24b

II. THE MORE WE HAVE, THE MORE WE _____ (v11)

Remember this:

“6 Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously.

7 Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

8 And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.” II Corinthians 9:6-8

III. THE MORE WE HAVE, THE MORE WE _____ (v12)

“I will both lay me down in peace, and sleep: for thou, LORD, only makest me dwell in safety.” Psalm 4:8

“Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.” John 14:27

IV. THE MORE WE HAVE, THE MORE WE _____ (vs13)

“16 And he told them this parable: The ground of a certain rich man produced a good crop.

17 He thought to himself, What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops.

18 Then he said, This is what I'll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods.

19 And I'll say to myself, You have plenty of good things laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry.

20 But God said to him, You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?

21 This is how it will be with anyone who stores up things for himself but is not rich toward God.” Luke 12:16-21

V. THE MORE WE HAVE, THE MORE WE LEAVE _____ (vs14-17)

“For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out.” I Timothy 6:7

VI. THE MORE WE REALIZE THE END, THE MORE WE _____ (vs18-20)

A. The power of _____ comes from God (v18)

“But thou shalt remember the LORD thy God: for it is he that giveth thee power to get wealth...”

Deuteronomy 8:18

B. The power to _____ money comes from God (v19-20a)

How We Enjoy God's Money

1. _____ God's Money (v19a)

“The righteous gives and does not hold back”

Proverbs 21:26

2. _____ God's Money (v19b)

“Wealth gotten by vanity shall be diminished: but he that gathers by labor shall increase.”

Proverbs 13:11

3. _____ God's Money (v19c)

“A generous man will himself be blessed, for he shares his food with the poor.” Proverbs 22:9

“Small things are small things, but faithfulness with a small thing is a big thing” - Hudson Taylor