

# The Christian and God's Money

Honesty in the sight of men

## II Corinthians 8.16-24

- Paul was writing to the Corinthians about the offering that was being taken for the saints in Jerusalem
- These verses mark the care with which he handled the money
- 8.21: “handle it well in the sight of men”

# Our offerings

- Are all deposited into one account that we call the “General Fund”
- From there, money is distributed to other accounts as it is designated or used
- OBA money is always kept separate
- A separate payroll account holds the Church portion and OBA portion of salaries

- We have a savings account. It's primary purpose was to hold money given for building projects, until lump sums could be sent to the bank
- We have a missions account
- Offerings are counted by the deacons on Sunday nights, and the deposit is taken to the bank after the evening service
- Two deacons have to sign checks
- I know about the finances broadly, but not individually

- I try to make it a point to ensure that teachers and leaders are participating financially, however.
- Every December we present to you and vote upon a new budget
- We try to honor the budget—some categories are more difficult than others
- We generally present any expense in excess of \$1000.00 to the Church for a vote
- Monthly reports are posted on the bulletin board in the copy room

# One particular financial concern is missions

- We know the tithe went to support the minister. I Corinthians 9.14
- Did Paul intend that to include missionaries?
- How should a Church fund missionaries?
- We have used what is called a “faith-promise” system for years

## Let me encourage you

- To make it a matter of personal prayer and resolve, to participate in missions giving. II Corinthians 9.7
- To view it as a genuine offering to God. Philippians 4.17-18
- To pray and resolve to give to missions, proportionately. I Corinthians 16.2
- Resolve to make it a proportion of your tithe, or tie it to some personal expense