

Essential Values Concerning

FINANCES

- Money is a **very sensitive topic** for most people.
- Everyone has an **opinion** or **reaction** to money.
 - Some embrace the topic with gladness
 - Others run and avoid the topic with passion

2 Timothy 3:16-17 (NKJV)

¹⁶“**All Scripture** is given by inspiration of God and **is profitable** for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction **in righteousness.**”



2 Timothy 3:16-17 *(NKJV)*

¹⁷“That the man of God may be **complete, thoroughly equipped** for every good work.”



3 John 1:2-4 *(KJV)*

2“Beloved, I wish above all things that thou prosper and be in health, even as **thy soul prospereth.**”



3 John 1:2-4 *(KJV)*

3“For I rejoiced greatly, when the brethren came and testified of the Truth that is in thee, even as thou walkest in the Truth.”



3 John 1:2-4 *(KJV)*

4 “I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in Truth.”



- **True prosperity** is wholeness in our entire spirit, soul and body.
- True prosperity is **wholeness** in every area of our lives.

Psalm 1:2-3 *(NLT)*

²“But they delight in the law of the Lord,
meditating on it day and night.”



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³“They are like trees planted along the riverbank, **bearing fruit each season.** Their leaves never wither, and **they prosper in all they do.**”



- God's perspective of prosperity is **wholeness** and **fruitfulness** in every area of our lives.
- We have the Presence of God!
 - We are born of His Seed.
 - We are born of His Nature.
 - We are filled w/ His fullness.

- We are Blessed!
 - Whatever we do should prosper
 - Wherever we go should prosper
 - Whatever we touch should prosper
- Because His Life and His Presence is in us.

- Many sincere people have a tendency to **compartmentalize** their lives.
 - Natural lives vs spiritual lives
 - Finances vs spiritual.

- In this series we are going to cover:
 - Some obvious things
 - Some misconceptions
 - Some profound Truths
 - Some practical wisdom

- The Treasures of Your Heart
- The Value of Giving
- The Value of Believing
- The Value of Stewardship
- The Value of Work

1. The Treasures of Your Heart

- Jesus spoke on finances more than any other subject.
- From God's perspective, finances is a very important topic.
- Why?

Matthew 6:21 *(NKJV)*

21“For where your treasure is **there your heart will be also.**”



- God is not after your finances...

**GOD IS AFTER
YOUR HEART!**

- Finances **effect** every area of our lives.
 - Marriages
 - Children
 - Lifestyle choices
 - Ministries
 - Dreams & Destinies
 - And more...

Mark 10:24 (NKJV)

24“And the disciples were astonished at His words. But Jesus answered again and said to them, ‘Children, how hard it is for those who **trust** in riches to enter the Kingdom of God.’””



Mark 10:29-30 (NKJV)

29“So Jesus answered and said, ‘Assuredly, I say to you, **there is no one who has left** house or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or lands, **for My sake and the Gospel’s,**’”



Mark 10:29-30 (NKJV)

³⁰“**who shall not receive a hundredfold now in this time**—houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands, with persecutions and in the age to come, eternal life.”



WHATEVER WE SOW FOR
HIS SAKE AND THE GOSPEL'S
WE WILL RECEIVE
A 100-FOLD RETURN
IN THIS LIFE!

Deuteronomy 8:18 *(NKJV)*

¹⁸“And you shall remember the Lord your God, for it is He Who gives you power to get wealth, that He may establish His covenant which He swore to your fathers, as it is today.”



- God give us the power to get wealth?

**TO ESTABLISH
HIS COVENANT!!**

Psalm 35:27 (NKJV)

27“Let them rejoice and be glad, who favor My righteous cause; and let them say continually, ‘**Let the Lord be magnified in the prosperity of His servant.**’ ”



Proverbs 10:22 *(NKJV)*

22 “The blessing **of the Lord** makes one rich, and He adds no sorrow with it. ”



1 Timothy 6:17-18 (NKJV)

¹⁷“Command those who are rich in this present age not to be haughty, **nor to trust in the uncertain riches but in the Living God, Who gives richly all things to enjoy.**”



1 Timothy 6:17-18 *(NKJV)*

¹⁸“Let them do good, that they be rich in good works, **ready to give, willing to share.**”



- We don't Give to Get
- We Give to Get, **to Give Again.**
 - Genesis 12:2-3 / Ephesians 4:28

**WE ARE BLESSED
TO BE A BLESSING!**

1 Timothy 6:5 *(NLT)*★

5“These people always cause trouble. Their minds are corrupt, and they have turned their backs on the Truth. **To them, a show of godliness is just a way to become wealthy.**”



- Those who preach only for material gain
 - Paul: “Withdraw yourself”
 - 1 Timothy 6:5, NKJV

- There are those who give only to get
 - No worship
 - No honor

- God is not after your finances...

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1. The Treasures of Your Heart

2 Corinthians 9:7-8 *(NKJV)*

7“So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity for God loves a cheerful giver.”



2 Corinthians 9:7-8 *(NKJV)*

⁸“And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance **for every good work.**”



- We are to **purpose in our heart** what we are to give.
 - Not grudgingly
 - Not out of necessity
 - Not in response to pressure:
 - Manipulation
 - Trickery
 - Compulsion
 - Scams or hoaxes

- We give where we are **led**.
- We give where we are **fed**.
- We give out of a **cheerful heart**.

2 Corinthians 9:8 *(NLT)*★

8“And God will generously provide all you need. Then you will always have everything you need **and plenty left over** to share with others.”



- We Give to Get, **to Give Again.**
- To meet our needs and
- To harvest plenty of leftovers to share with others.

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- **ALL NATURE** testifies to this **TRUTH**:
 - Seed, Time and Harvest
 - We **sow** seed; We **reap** more seeds
 - Fruitfulness
 - Multiplication
 - Increase

- **TITHING** is a Principle of His Kingdom:
 - It's a seed sown (10%)
 - To reap **more seeds**
 - Fruitfulness
 - Multiplication
 - Increase
 - Blessing more people

**THE KINGDOM OF GOD
IS A KINGDOM OF
INCREASE!**

- As the pastor of this church:
 - I don't want anyone to ever give out of a 'debt they owe!'
 - But as a **seed that they sow!**

Acts 20:35 *(NKJV)*

35 “I have shown you in every way, by laboring like this, that you must support the weak. And remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that He said, **‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’**”



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Proverbs 3:9 *(NKJV)*

9 “**Honor the Lord** with your possessions,
and the first-fruits of all your increase.”



- We Give to Get, **to Give Again**
 - We honor the Lord
 - With all our possessions and
 - The **first-fruits** (tithe) of our increase.
 - To meet our needs
 - To harvest plenty of leftovers to share w/ others.

2 Corinthians 8:8-9 *(NKJV)*

8 “I speak not by commandment, **but I am testing the sincerity of your love** by the diligence of others.”



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⁹“For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet **for your sakes He became poor, that you through His poverty might become rich.**”



2 Corinthians 5:21 *(NKJV)*

21“For He made Him Who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.”



- Jesus became **sin** so we might become **righteous**.
- Likewise, Jesus became **poor** that we might become **rich**.

- Our prosperity is the same part of the Atonement as our **salvation**.
 - It is the same Message of the cross
 - Faith in His grace.

Ephesians 2:8 *(NKJV)*

8“For **by grace** you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves, it is a gift of God.”



Romans 1:16 *(KJV)*

¹⁶“For I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ: for **it is the power of God unto salvation** for everyone who believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.”



- I believe in the Gospel **of Jesus Christ!**
- I believe Jesus became my...
 - Sin so I could become righteous!
 - Sickness so I could be healed!
 - Poverty so I could be blessed!

- Jesus died for my prosperity in the **same way** He died for my righteousness.
- Jesus died for my blessing in the **same way** He died for my healing.

- Jesus died to bless us, so that we could become a blessing to others.

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2 Chronicles 26:3-5 *(NKJV)*

³“Uzziah was sixteen years old when he became king, and he reigned fifty-two years in Jerusalem. His mother’s name was Jecholiah of Jerusalem.”



2 Chronicles 26:3-5 *(NKJV)*

4“**And he did what was right in the sight of the Lord, according to all that his father Amaziah had done.**”



2 Chronicles 26:3-5 *(NKJV)*

5“He sought God in the days of Zechariah, who had understanding in the visions of God; and **as long as he sought the Lord. God made him prosper.**”



Hebrews 11:6 *(NKJV)*

6“But **without faith** it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God **must believe** that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.”



- **King Uzziah:**

- Another Example of how... *(Romans 15:4)*
- God wants us to prosper, however...

**GOD DOES NOT WANT
PROSPERITY
TO HAVE YOU**

- God is not after your finances...

**GOD IS AFTER
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- We are not under a curse *(the wrath of God)*
 - Galatians 3:13

- This is not a 'prosperity gospel.'
 - Based on performance

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Habakkuk 2:4 (NKJV)

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- **Salvation:** Faith in His grace!
- We are under grace, however...
 - 2 Timothy 3:16-17
 - We are being **trained** in righteousness.
 - We are not beyond correction

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- God has prospered us.
 - He prospered King Uzziah
 - The just shall live by his faith

- With prosperity comes responsibility to:
 - Guard our hearts
 - Bless others
 - Establish His covenant
 - Be good stewards of His Kingdom

Matthew 6:33 (NKJV)

33““But seek first **the Kingdom of God** and **His righteousness**, and all these things shall be added to you.””



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- How we relate to money is a **test**
 - Test of your loyalty
 - Test the sincerity of our love
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- Shrewd Steward (*Luke 16:1-13*)
 - Unfaithful / Unjust
 - Crooked / Irresponsible
 - Got caught and was fired

 - On the way out...he made friends
 - Securing his own future
 - With his Master's money.

- The Master's Response:
 - He **commended** the Unjust Steward because he dealt shrewdly!
 - He **complimented** the man!
 - He revealed the Nature of God

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- **Jesus' Application** to the parable:
 - The unjust steward finally realized that money could influence his future.
 - We can take what is temporary and change lives.
 - A fool only uses money for temporal things.

- Why? The Master complimented a thief:
 - He knew money is not true wealth
 - “The power to get wealth,” is the true asset.
 - Deuteronomy 8:18
 - He wasn't in love with money
 - He knew the power of money to influence people

- The unjust steward:
 - Was still stealing His Master's money.
 - But for the first time he was using the influence of money to plan for his future.
 - ...shrewdly

- We cannot take our possessions with us.
 - However, we can send them ahead.
- It is foolish not to use our money to advance the Kingdom of God.
 - We can only keep what we give away.

- We are not fools to give away treasures we **cannot keep** in order to obtain treasures we **cannot lose**.

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- **Honestly**, how many times have we acted shrewdly?

- **Made friends w/ our Master's money?**

- Trusting in our own wisdom
- Trusting in our own natural reasoning (*Romans 8:6*)
- Instead of trusting His Word

- **So we can secure our own (temporal) future**

- Survive and prosper by unrighteous mammon?

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- If you can't handle natural things?
 - How can you handle true riches?
 - People
 - Healing
 - Miracles
 - Families
 - A Legacy
 - Revelations
 - The thing(s) that have consumed your prayers

- If you can't handle God's money?
 - How can you handle your own?

- “When my ship comes in, I will...”
- “When I get my house in order, I will...”
- “When my prayer is answered, I will...”
- “When _____, I will...”

JESUS SAYS WE WON'T

3 John 1:4 *(KJV)*

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1 Thessalonians 3:10 (NKJV)

¹⁰“Night and day praying exceedingly that we may see your face and **perfect** what is lacking in your **faith**.”



- To Perfect (*katartizo*):
 - “To **supply** that which is lacking in your faith.”
 - “To **bring in proper condition...**”
 - “To **properly fit...**”
 - “To **adjust...**”
 - “To **put in proper working order...**”
 - “To **fully function...**”
 - “To **equip** (*kartartismos*)...”

Ephesians 4:11-13 *(KJV)*

¹¹“And He gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, **pastors and teachers;**”



Ephesians 4:11-13 *(KJV)*

¹²“For the **perfecting** of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:”



Ephesians 4:11-13 *(NKJV)*

¹³“Till we all come to the unity of the **faith** and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a **perfect** man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ.”



- We are saved (prosperous) by His grace!
 - Through Faith
- It is not of ourselves
- It is the gift of God
 - Not Fear
 - Not manipulation
 - Not performance

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- The god of mammon
 - Was an Assyrian god of **wealth** and **riches**
 - It gave false promises
 - It commanded their:
 - ...Loyalty
 - ...Service
 - ...Trust
 - ...Heart

- God **vs** (the god of) mammon...
 - Many have been subtly deceived...
 - ...to **trust** the god of mammon instead of God
 - ...to **rely on**...
 - ...to **cling to**...
 - ...to **serve**...
 - ...to **love**...
 - ...to **be loyal to**...
 - ...to **be submissive to**...
 - ...to **be subjected to**...

- God **vs** (the god of) mammon...
 - Many have been subtly deceived...
 - ...to **despise** God's Promise
 - ...to **despise** God's precepts
 - ...to **despise** tithe & offerings
 - ...to **despise** trusting God
 - ...to **despise** seeking first His Kingdom
 - ...to **despise** their salvation
 - ...to **despise** God

- We are either...

- Serving the **Spirit of God** Who is increasing our finances, OR

- The **spirit of mammon** who is causing our finances to diminish and disappear.

- The god of mammon:

- We are either serving our treasures OR our treasures are serving us.

- We are either serving our lack OR our lack is serving us.

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Who is our Lord?

Who is our God?

GOD OR MAMMON?

Who are we obeying?

Who are we subject to?

Who are we submitting to?

GOD OR MAMMON?

Who are we honoring?

Who are we bowing to?

Who are trusting in?

GOD OR MAMMON?

- Are we serving the god of mammon:
 - Being **shrewd** w/ our Master's money?
- Are we trusting our own use of what belongs to God in order to secure our future?
 - Are we considering others or ourselves?
 - Are we serving His Kingdom or mammon's?
 - Are we establishing His covenant or despising it?

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- So then, **where** is your heart?
- **What** do you treasure the most?
- **Who** are you trusting in?
- **Who** is your source?

God or mammon?

3 John 1:4 *(KJV)*

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- Finances are the **least** things we need to trust God in.
- If we do not trust Him w/ finances we will not trust Him for:
 - Our Healing
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 - Our Legacy
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- True wealth is found in **Godliness** with **Contentment**.
- We had nothing when we were born and we will have nothing when we die
 - Except **our relationship w/ God through Jesus**.
 - Eternal Life (*John 17:3*)

- Some people who are craving money have wandered from **True Faith...**
- Money is not the problem, but...
 - ...the longing to be rich
 - ...the harmful desires
 - ...the craving (love) for money

1 Peter 1:8 *(NLT)*

⁸“You love Him even though you have not seen Him. Though you do not see Him, **you trust Him**; and **you rejoice with a glorious, inexpressible joy.**”



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- Faith says: *“If we will trust God we will...”*

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IS A PROSEPEROUS SOUL

Luke 12:15 *(KJV)*

¹⁵“And He said to them, ‘Take heed and beware of covetousness, **for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of the things he possesses.**’”



Colossians 3:5 *(KJV)*

5“Therefore put to death your members which are on the earth: fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desires and **covetousness, which is idolatry.**”



COVETOUSNESS IS IDOLARTY

(god of mammon)

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- **Contentment** can only come when the needs of the heart are satisfied.
 - Despite the physical circumstances

- **A Prosperous Soul:**

- **Faith** in His grace **IS** to an inexpressible **Joy!**
- Joy **IS** **Contentment**
- Godliness w/ **Contentment** **IS** itself **Great Wealth**

- **Contentment** is learned.
 - It does not come naturally
 - It is the fruit of His Spirit
 - Love...joy...peace...faith, etc.
 - vs spirit of fear (mammon)

Philippians 4:11-12 *(NKJV)*

¹¹“Not that I speak in regard to need, for I have **learned** in whatever state I am, **to be content.**”



Philippians 4:11-12 *(NKJV)*

12 “I know how to be abased, and I know how to abound. Everywhere and in all things I have **learned** both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need.”



- True **contentment** will work in whatever state you are in.
 - Paul was in prison when he wrote these words.
 - Paul talked more about **joy** in this epistle than any other epistle he ever wrote.
 - Paul **learned** how to be **content**.
 - Paul lived **by faith**.

- If we are occupied in our **hearts** w/ natural (temporal) things.
 - We are occupied with the wrong things.

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- There are real **temptations** & **dangers** of riches (mammon) having our hearts.
 - Where is our contentment?
 - Where is our joy?
 - Where is our heart?
 - Where is our treasures?
 - Where is our love?
 - Where is our faith? (*Galatians 5:6*)

Galatians 5:6 (NKJV)

6“For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision avails anything, but faith working through love.”



- Money is not the problem!!!
- A **heart** that loves (craves for) money...
 - ...will not **trust/rely** on God with or without it.
 - ...will be **discontent /unjoyful** with or without it.
 - ...will be **controlled/governed** by it or its lack.
 - ...will be **submissive/subjected** to it or its lack.

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¹⁸“Tell them to use their money **to do good**. They should be rich in good works and generous to those in need, always being ready to share with others.”



1 Timothy 6:17-19 *(NLT)*

¹⁹“By doing this they will be **storing up their treasures** as a good foundation for the future so that they may experience true life.”



- I am believing for everyone here to be prosperous, but we need to be **TAUGHT** not to...

TRUST IN IT!

- Your heart will follow what you treasure.
- Your money will bow to whom you serve.
 - Do you have possessions or do they have you?
 - Who is in control?
 - Who governs what you will do?
 - Money is the **test** of the loyalty of your heart.
 - Money is the **test** of the sincerity of your love.

2 Corinthians 8:8-9 *(NKJV)*

8 “I speak not by commandment, **but I am testing the sincerity of your love** by the diligence of others.”



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1 Timothy 6:17 (NKJV)★

17“Command those who are rich in this present age not to be haughty, nor to trust in the **uncertain riches** but in the Living God, Who gives richly all things to enjoy.”



1 Timothy 6:17-18 *(NLT)*

¹⁸“Tell them to **use their money to do good**. They should be rich in good works and **generous to those in need**, always **being ready to share with others.**”



- Riches are uncertain / unreliable.
- “Tell them to use their money to do good.”
- “Be generous to those in need”
- “Be ready to give to others”

TRUST IN GOD!

- We are **saved** by Grace **through faith**
 - **Saved**: wholeness, prosperity, healing, etc.
- Anything that is not of **faith** is sin
 - Romans 14:23

- **Sin:**

- Trying to satisfy a need God has already provided in our own effort.

- **Sin Consciousness:**

- Living in state of mind that is **separated from God** and **denying** the salvation (provision) He has already provided for you by grace.

- Faith comes by hearing the Word.
 - Romans 10:17
- Nothing will destroy faith more than a consciousness of sin.

1 Timothy 6:10 *(NKJV)*

¹⁰“For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, for which **some have strayed from the faith in their greediness**, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.”



- **Greed...**

- ...is selfishness

- ...boasts in self

- ...relies on self

- ...serves itself

- ...worships itself

- ...is self-centeredness

- ...leads to poverty *(Proverbs 11:24)*

- **Greed** is not...
 - Walking by grace through faith.
 - Contentment / Joy that comes by faith.

- **Greed** is
 - Fulfilling the lusts of the flesh. (*Galatians 5:16*)
 - “Its desire is to have you...” (*Genesis 4:7*)
 - “...but you should rule over it” (*Genesis 4:7*)
 - It wants to destroy you

James 1:14-16 *(NKJV)*

¹⁴“But each one is tempted when he is drawn by his **own desires** and enticed.”



James 1:14-16 *(NKJV)*

¹⁵“Then, when **desire** has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, brings forth death.”



James 1:14-16 *(NKJV)*

¹⁶“Do not be deceived, my beloved brethren.”



- God is not after your finances...

**GOD IS AFTER
YOUR HEART!**

- God does not want...

The god of mammon

To have your

TRUST & RELIANCE!

- **Money** will reveal...

...your **heart!**

...what you **treasure / value!**

...what you are **trusting in!**

...who you are **relying on!**

...who you are **serving!**

...who are you **loyal to!**

...who your **Source** is!

...who your **God (god)** is!

Luke 16:13 *(NKJV)*

13““No servant can serve two masters; for either **he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other.** You cannot serve God and mammon.””



- We are either serving our treasures OR our treasures are serving us.
- We are either serving our lack OR our lack is serving us.

Who is our Master?

Who is our Lord?

Who is our God?

GOD OR MAMMON?

Who are we obeying?

Who are we subject to?

Who are we submitting to?

GOD OR MAMMON?

Who are we honoring?

Who are we bowing to?

Who are we trusting in?

GOD OR MAMMON?

- The god of mammon: *(this Assyrian god)*
 - Promises **wealth** and **riches** can make you...
 - Happy
 - Fulfilled
 - Content
 - Is a source of **greed** and **self-centeredness**
 - Is a spirit of **hoarding** out of fear

- The god of mammon:

- Has caused many...

- ...to struggle w/ finances

- ...to struggle w/ giving.

- ...to **wander** from the **faith** in their **greediness**.

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- The god of mammon:
 - Has deceptively caused many sincere people to:
 - **Worship** him
 - **Trust** him
 - **Rely** on him
 - **Serve** him
 - **Depend** on him
 - **Submit** to him
 - **Lord** it over them
 - **Live in fear**

- The god of mammon:
 - Has caused many people to **rely** on him for their:
 - Survival
 - Well-being
 - Security
 - Contentment
 - Esteem
 - Self-worth
 - Acceptance
 - Good Status

- Money itself is **amoral** (Neither moral or immoral)
 - With my money I can...
 - ...worship God
 - ...trust God
 - ...be a blessing
 - ...establish His covenant
 - **OR** I can also...
 - Trust in money (mammon)
 - Love for money (mammon)
 - Hoard my money (mammon)

- Likewise my hands are **amoral**:
 - I can heal the sick **OR**
 - I can steal my neighbor's goods

- The problem is not:
 - Money
 - My hands
 - Guns
 - Etc.
- The problem is:

MY HEART!

- **Honestly** I can be deceived into...

- ...worshipping a false god w/ false promises that leads to death and destruction.

- ...wandering from the true faith.

- Which is sin (*Romans 14:23*)
- Becoming disloyal to God
- Despising His Word
- Despising His Salvation (prosperity)
- Despising His Lordship

- God is not after your finances...

**GOD IS AFTER
YOUR HEART!**

3 John 1:4 *(KJV)*

4“I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in Truth.”



- When I yield my money to God by faith it **increases** and **multiplies**.
- When I yield my money to mammon in fear it **diminishes** and **disappears**.

- **Good Stewardship** of money is turning our entire trust for provision over to God.
 - vs mammon which is cursed
- Mammon is a **purse with holes in it.**
 - Haggai 1:2-11

Haggai 1:2- *(NKJV)*

2“Thus speaks the Lord of hosts, saying:
“This people says, ‘The time has not
come, the time that the Lord’s house
should be built.’””



Haggai 1:2-6 *(NKJV)*

³“Then the word of the Lord came by Haggai the prophet, saying,”



Haggai 1:2-6 (NKJV)

4“Is it time for yourselves to dwell in your paneled houses, and this temple to lie in ruins?””



Haggai 1:2-6 *(NKJV)*

5“Now therefore, thus says the Lord of hosts; “Consider your ways!””



Haggai 1:2-6 (NKJV)

6""""You have sown much, and bring in little; you eat, but do not have enough; you drink, but you are not filled with drink; you clothe yourselves, but no one is warm, and he who earns wages, earns wages to put into **a bag with holes.**""""



- Greed **leads to** poverty
 - Proverbs 11:24-25
 - Malachi 3:6-12 *(2 Timothy 3:16-17)*
 - Genesis 4:3-16

Proverbs 11:24-25 (NKJV)

24“There is one who scatters, yet increases more, and there is one who withholds more than is right. **But it leads to poverty.**”



Proverbs 11:24-25 *(NKJV)*

²⁵“The generous soul will be made rich,
and he who waters will also be watered
himself.”



- I don't serve money; **money serves me.**
- **Giving** to God breaks the power of
 - mammon
 - Greed
 - Discontentment
 - Poverty

**WE ARE BLESSED
TO BE A BLESSING!
TO ESTABLISH
HIS COVENANT!!**

- Pride says...

“I GOT THIS!”

- Humility says...

“I TRUST YOU!”

James 4:5-7 *(NKJV)*

5“Or do you think that the Scripture says in vain, **‘The Spirit Who dwells in us yearns jealously’?**”



James 4:5-7 *(NKJV)*

⁶“But **He gives more grace**. Therefore He says: ‘God resists the proud, but **gives grace to the humble.**’”



James 4:5-7 *(NKJV)*

7“Therefore **submit** to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.”



James 4:5 *(NLT)*★

5“Do you think the Scriptures have no meaning? They say that **God is passionate that the Spirit He has placed within us should be faithful to Him.**”



Proverbs 3:9 *(NKJV)*

9 “**Honor the Lord** with your possessions,
and the first-fruits of all your increase.”



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- The Treasures of Your Heart
- The Value of Giving
- The Value of Believing
- The Value of Stewardship
- The Value of Work

Essential Values Concerning

FINANCES