

Money

Why is it so important to God?

Holy Scripture offers more than 2,300 verses regarding money. Jesus devoted over < 15 > % of His recorded words to this one subject. Why did the Savior of the world say more about how we should handle money and possessions than any other single thing? What did He know about money and possessions that we don't?

Richard Halverson, former chaplain for the U. S. Senate, offers a good response with this quote. "Jesus Christ said more about money than about any other single thing because, when it comes to a man's real nature, money is of first importance. Money is an exact index to a man's true character. All through Scripture there is an intimate correlation between the development of a man's character and how he handles his money."

Scripture tells us that God delegated authority to us over all His creation (see Gen. 1:28). Psalm 8:6-7 goes on to say, "You made him (man) ruler over the works of your hands; You put everything under his feet; all flocks and herds, and the beasts of the field."

God expects us to use the resources He gives us to best carry out our responsibilities. A steward's primary goal is to be found < faithful > by his master as the steward uses the master's resources to accomplish the tasks delegated to him (see 1 Cor. 4:2).

But what exactly is a steward? Recently, the word "stewardship" seems to have fallen on hard times. A steward is someone <entrusted> with another's wealth or property and charged with the responsibility of < managing > it in the owner's best interest.¹ Stewardship isn't a subcategory of the Christian life. Stewardship < is > the Christian life.

By neglecting stewardship, not only are our spiritual lives at stake but also the wholeness of our families. Over < 50 > % of all marriages end in divorce, and < 80 > % of divorced people indicate that financial issues played a primary role in ending their marriage.² If we could get it right when it comes to money, how many other areas of our life would fall into place?

Let's introduce Tim and Julie, whose financial situation has been causing them trouble.

Then God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air and over every living creature that moves on the ground."

Genesis 1:28

Now it is required that those who have been given a trust must prove faithful.

1 Corinthians 4:2



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