

INTRODUCTION

- * FOCUSING ON THE CHRIST ... *The Shadow of Christ ... The Life of Christ ... The Return of Christ ... The Reign of Christ*
- * **What we say, and how we live, is a reflection of Who, or what, is residing and reigning in our heart!**
- * Matthew 6:19-24 ¹⁹ “Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; ²⁰ but lay up for yourselves treasures (thesauros) in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. ²¹ For **where your treasure (thesauros) is, there your heart will be also.** ²² The lamp of the body is the eye. If therefore your eye is good, your whole body will be full of light. ²³ But if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in you is darkness, how great is that darkness! ²⁴ No one 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.”
- * **Hence, if Christ is reigning in my heart, then I will increasing reflect Biblical principles in my handling of finances!**

INSTRUCTION ... *Let's continue considering the Biblical principles of finances which should be reflected in our lives*

- I. **THE PRINCIPLE OF LORDSHIP** (cf. Matt 6: 19-24; 19:21-26; Romans 6:16-18; I Corinthians 6: 12; Prov 22:7)
- II. **THE PRINCIPLE OF OWNERSHIP** (cf. Exodus 19:5; Psalm 24: 1; 50:7,10-12)
- III. **THE PRINCIPLE OF DISCIPLESHIP** (cf. Prov 3:5-14; Col 2:6-9; Eph 4:17-21)

IV. THE PRINCIPLES OF STEWARDSHIP

- A. **The Administration of Financial Resources** (cf. I Corinthians 4:2 ; Luke 16:10-13; 19:12-26)
- B. **The Acquisition of Financial Resources**
 1. PRIORITY (cf. Proverbs 10:2; 11:4,28; 22:1; 16:16; 28:20,22; Matthew 6:25-33; Mark 8:36-37; 10:21-26; Luke 12:13-21)
 2. HONESTY (cf. Proverbs 10:9; 16:11; 20:10; 28:6; Isaiah 33:15-16; Luke 3:12-13)
 3. DILIGENCE (cf. Prov 10:4; 12:11,24,27; 14:23; 18:9; 19:15; 24:30-34; 27:23-27; II Thessalonians 3:6-12)
 4. CONTENTMENT (cf. Psalm 37:16; Prov 15:16-17; 17:1; 30:7-9; Phil 4:11-13; I Tim 6:6-8; Hebrews 13:5)

C. The Appropriation of Financial Resources

1. G _____
 - a. We Are To Give Our _____ to the LORD
 - * cf. Genesis 4:3-5; Exodus 24:26; Leviticus 23:10-11; Deuteronomy 26:1-10; Nehemiah 12:43-44
 - b. We Are To Give Our _____ to the LORD
 - * cf. Genesis 14:14-20; Numbers 18:25-26; Malachi 3:6-12; Matthew 23:23; II Corinthians 9:6-8
 - c. We Are To Give Our _____ to the LORD
 - * cf. Exodus 35:4-9, 21-24, 29; 36:2-7; Luke 21:1-4; Acts 4:33-35; II Corinthians 8: 1-5; Philippians 4:10-16
2. G _____
3. F _____
4. D _____
5. S _____

INTROSPECTION

- * WHAT DOES YOUR GIVING REFLECT REGARDING YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH CHRIST?
- * HOW COMMITTED ARE YOU TO SUPPORTING THE WORK OF GOD THAT YOU ARE PART OF?
- * ARE YOU HONORING GOD IN THE GIVING OF YOUR FIRST-FRUITS, TITHES AND OFFERINGS?
- * IS THERE A NEED FOR REPENTANCE (Changing the way you think)?