

The Foundation

Fear of the Lord is the foundation of true knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and discipline. Proverbs 1.7

Financial Sanity

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Financial freedom or Financial strangulation? Jesus says people make choices.

1. Stingy people and generous people will always be around.
2. Stingy people can **CHOOSE** to become generous, but generous people seldom decide to go backward and become stingy.
3. Stingy people see giving as a loss, but generous people see giving as an **INVESTMENT**.
4. Stingy people believe that if they give, they won't have **ENOUGH** for themselves, but generous people believe that giving means they will always have enough for themselves and others.
5. Stingy people believe that giving 10% of their gross income to the Lord is just about the **DUMBEST** thing anyone could ever do, but generous people see giving 10% of their gross income to the Lord is wise biblical management.
6. Stingy people see their money as theirs; therefore they are the **OWNERS** of their money. But generous people believe God is their Source of all things and they are the managers of God's gifts to them.
7. Stingy people think **SELF FIRST**, but generous people think of the Lord and others first.

Proverbs 11:25 The generous will prosper; those who refresh others will themselves be refreshed.

Proverbs 11:24 Give freely and become more wealthy; be stingy and lose everything.

Proverbs 10.22 *The blessing of the Lord makes a person rich, and He adds no sorrow to it.*

There was a saying years ago: *“If you don’t think money doesn’t buy Happiness, then you don’t know where to shop.”*

GOD CAN DO HIS WORK WITH OR WITHOUT ME.

1. To the ones who agree with God’s Word on these matters, but you’ve been doing math the last few minutes and talking to yourself: *“If I were generous with the full 10% from my gross income that would add up to (your \$ amount here) .”*

Financial Sanity is not the amount of money I want, but my attitude about the money that I already have.

2. To my friends who never want to be involved in giving money to God, I have a prediction: ***“There will come a day when you realize your need. When the financial going gets tough enough, and your fear of trusting yourself finally exceeds your fear of trusting God, you will call for help. It’s only a matter of time.”***

“God, as You know, I’ve withheld from You all these years while I’ve followed my own plan. And sure, I’ve gotten into this financial catastrophe with my own plan, but I think my plan can still work. So, I’ll figure this out on my own.”

3. To the already convinced in these matters, all you’ve been doing the last few minutes is quietly saying in your heart, *“you can never out give God.”*

2 Corinthians 8.9 *You know the generous grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. Though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, so that by His poverty He could make you rich.*

Jesus,

I thank You that You came and died on the cross for my sins so that I can be forgiven. I am a sinner and in need of Your grace, mercy, and forgiveness. I turn from my sins and say “No” to a life of living for myself. I turn to You and say “Yes” to Your will for my life. I ask You now to save me from my sins. I open my heart to You and receive You as my Lord and Savior. Thank you for saving me and forgiving me. In Jesus’ Name. Amen.