



## **Message Four: *To Fix My Finances***

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A wise man once said, "When your outgo exceeds your income, your upkeep will lead to your down fall." We all deal with the issue of money and finances. However, we often are uncomfortable talking about it.

We really should not shy away from this topic. It is clearly front and center in the Bible – 2,000 verses mention money and possession ... 15% of Jesus' teaching was on this topic.

### **HOW DO WE GET WHERE WE ARE?**

Our finances get into a mess because of **external circumstances**.

*James 1:2-5, When troubles of any kind come your way, consider it an opportunity for great joy. For you know that when your faith is tested, your endurance has a chance to grow. So let it grow, for when your endurance is fully developed, you will be perfect and complete, needing nothing. If you need wisdom, ask our generous God, and he will give it to you. He will not rebuke you for asking. NLT*

*1 Corinthians 10:13, No trial has overtaken you that is not faced by others. And God is faithful: He will not let you be tried beyond what you are able to bear, but with the trial will*

*also provide a way out so that you may be able to endure it.*  
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Our finances get into a mess because we **violate** the principles of the **Bible** in regard to money.

We have been influenced by the spirit of the age that we need more “things” in order to be happy.

1 Timothy 6:6-10, *But godliness combined with contentment is great gain...For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.*

Ecclesiastes 5:10, *Whoever loves money will never be satisfied with money. Whoever loves wealth will never be satisfied with more income. Even this is pointless.* GW

## PUT YOURSELF IN A POSITION TO RECEIVE A MIRACLE

In every miracle there is **God's** role and **man's** role.

1. **Admit you need help.**

Psalm 34:15, *The LORD's eyes are on righteous people. His ears hear their cry for help.* GW

2. **Believe what God has said about your finances.**

Hebrews 11:6, *No one can please God without faith.* GW

3. **Apply God's truth to your financial life.**

God owns it all. – Psalm 24:1, *The earth and everything it contains are the Lord's. The world and all who live in it are his.*

Prioritize seeking God first. – Matthew 6:33, *Seek first God's kingdom and what God wants. Then all your other needs will be met as well.*

Give to God first. – Proverbs 3:9-10, *Honor the Lord with your wealth and with the first and best part of all your income. Then your barns will be full, and your vats will overflow with fresh wine.*

Learn to be content. -- Philippians 4:11, *I've learned to be content in whatever situation.*

**Repentance** allows us to redeem our minds and lets us see with new eyes.

Nothing changes until we fully embrace the powerful grace of repentance. Repentance brings freedom.