

# Money Matters – 1

**[Why did Jesus talk about money and stewardship more than any other subject?]**

Jesus spoke of finances often because money matters; and matters in regards to money are very important.

**[Overview of finances–Spiritual View]**

1. Finances affect our everyday lives.
2. Finances affect every other area of our lives  
(marriage / children / life style choices...)
3. Money (Our treasures) are closely connected to our HEARTS  
Matthew 6:19-21 (NLT)
  - Money follows our hearts AND our hearts our money
  - You can send your money to where you want your heart to go
  - Your heart is where your money is
4. Money REVEALS the condition of the heart  
(everyone has an opinion and reaction to money)  
Example: RICH YOUNG RULER (Mark 10:17-30 ref) Mark 10:21-30 (NKJV)  
Jesus used money to reveal His heart!
5. How we relate to money is a TEST  
Luke 16:1-13 (ref) Parable of the unjust steward  
Verse 8-13 (NLT)  
Finances are the least thing to trust God in. Really!!
6. With finances and riches come temptations and dangers.  
I Timothy 6:6-11 (NLT)  
I Timothy 6:17-19 (NLT)
  - We need to be taught how to handle money from a spiritual perspective
  - Tithing / Offerings / Alms giving / Benevolence – are all spiritual disciplines

[Take Away]

#1 Show me the money!

“Follow the money and you’ll find your heart.”

#2 Who is in charge here?

“Do you have things or do things have you?”

#3 Are we preparing to prosper?

- How do we increase in God’s prosperity?
- How do we handle it WHEN it comes?

God will get it TO us, if He can get it THROUGH us.

