

MONEY BAG: Practicing Kingdom Economics - Money and Planning

Icebreaker: After what president is President's day founded?

*Aside from the kingdom of God, Jesus had more to say about money than most other topics...
In his heart a man plans his course, but the Lord determines his steps. (Prov. 16:9)*

Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path. (Ps. 119:105)

- **Money requires guidance** – “The plans of the diligent lead to profit as surely as haste leads to poverty.” (Prov. 21:5)
- **Most of us don't have money problems, we have directional issues** – “I guide you in the way of wisdom and lead you along straight paths.” (Prov. 4:11) - **How hard or easy is it to talk with others about your money and your plans with money? Why?**

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- **Your money bag needs your attention** – “Whether you turn to the right or to the left, your ears will hear a voice behind you, saying, ‘This is the way; walk in it.’” (Is. 30:21)
What specific area(s) have you neglected financially?
- **Want a fuller bag, make a better plan** – “In the house of the wise are stores of choice food and oil, but a foolish man devours all he has.” (Prov. 21:20) - **How do you know you are on the right path financially? Who do you consult with to help you?**
- **Worry blocks trust** – “So do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.” (Matt. 6:31-34) - **What rank (1, 2, 3, etc.) does money have as a cause for worry in your life? Why?**
- **Can we trust our heart?** – “The heart is deceitful above all things and beyond cure. Who can understand it?” (Jer. 17:9) – **Tell of a time when your heart deceived you financially? What happened and what was the result?**
- **Pray about your financial decisions** – “Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight.” (Prov. 3:5-6) – **When it comes to financial decisions, are you more impulsive or patient? How could you include prayer before making a decision?**
- **Good bag management requires new thinking!** – “The prudent see danger and take refuge, but the simple keep going and suffer for it.” (Prov. 27:12) “Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind.” (Romans 12:2a)

For these commands are a lamp, this teaching is a light, and the corrections of discipline are the way to life. (Prov. 6:23)

**How willing are you to define, update, refine, etc., your financial plan?
Consider signing up for the “Money Bag” class we have at TVC. Go to
<https://www.thevailchurch.com/project/money-bag-resources/> to sign up.**