

# JESUS Through the Eyes of Luke: Let Your Light Shine: Biblical Budgeting

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-A.M. SERMON NOTES -

“JESUS Through the Eyes of Luke:

‘Let Your Light Shine: Biblical Budgeting’”

(Luke 12:13-21; Colossians 3:23)

## INTRODUCTION

Our Bible studies focus on JESUS Through the Eyes of Luke, from Luke’s Gospel and his Book of Acts. Every Sun- day we study and apply God’s Word. The Bible includes practical guidance on how to manage our lives productively so we can give back, bless others, and support Christ’s cause in our church and in our world. Let these biblical guidelines empower you toward financial freedom and being a giver:

I. Do your work as unto the Lord (Col. 3:23; 2 Thess. 3:10)

II. Spend less than you make (Phil. 4:11; 1 Tim. 6:8; Eccl. 5:10)

III. Build an emergency fund (Pr. 6:6-8; 13:11; 27:23-24)

IV. Increase your giving (Pr. 11:24; 2 Cor. 8:7-8; 9:6-8; Mal. 3:10)

V. Establish a spending plan (Lk. 14:28-30; Pr. 3:9-10)

VI. Get regular checkups, keep learning and persevere(Lam. 3:40; Heb. 13:5; 1 Tim. 3:4; Gal. 6:9)

## CONCLUSION

Our ultimate debt was paid in full by Jesus Himself! Let Him lead you out of sin and out of debt so you can experience the joy of becoming a generous giver, a blessing to others, and a faithful financial supporter

of the Lord's work in your church and throughout your world now!

-Applying Today's Sermon to Your Life -

1. Our 2022 Bible studies focus on JESUS Through the Eyes of Luke, from Luke's Gospel and from his Book of Acts. Our Verse-of-the-Week today is 2 Corinthians 8:7, "Just as you excel in everything ... see that you also excel in this grace of giving." By His very nature, God Himself is a "Giver". What is the greatest gift God ever gave (Jn. 3:16)? Are you more of a giver or a taker? Explain your answer.

2. When did you first become familiar with the Bible concept that God owns every-

thing, and you are merely entrusted by Him temporarily with what you possess to

manage for His glory?

3. A "steward" who manages well is entrusted by God to manage more. What does

this look like in someone's daily life over time?

4. Answer the following as TRUE or FALSE:

T F All that I possess is temporarily entrusted to me from God.

T F I will be held accountable by God as a steward or manager.

T F I worked hard for what I have, so it is all mine and mine alone.

T F God has been generous with me.

T F God is a Giver by His very nature.

T F My prayer is that I excel in this grace of giving.

T F He who dies with the most toys wins.

T F You don't have to have money to be rich.

T F Materialism is a philosophy, an attitude toward life.

5. I'd rate my current giving for Jesus with an: A B C D F (circle one).
6. The New Testament says, "See that you also excel in this grace of giving" (2

Corinthians 8:7), and goes on to say that our giving "tests the sincerity of our

love" (2 Corinthians 8:8). Does your giving pass the test? If you were on trial

for being a Christian, is there enough evidence in your checkbook record to

convict you?

7. What's the first thing you do when the oxygen masks fall from the overhead

compartment in a plane? Why? Why is doing so not selfish? How might this

"order of importance" relate to getting your financial house in order? Explain.

8. Imagine living today without faith, without knowing Jesus, without knowing how

to pray, and without a supportive church family. Now think about your neighbors,

your coworkers, your relatives, your classmates, your friends, and people in your

circle of acquaintance. Who needs your faith, your Jesus, your prayers, your

church family? Will you ask Jesus to make His appeal to them through you?

9. I will put today's Bible study into action now by:

