

What Jesus Says About Your Money

Pt. 1 - Obey

Common Approaches to Money Management:

Spend what I have

Do what I want

I'll worry about it later.

I want it now.

I'll pay for it later.

I need more.

I deserve it.

The first Guiding Principle for my finances: Obey

If I want God's blessings in my finances, I have to follow God's instructions.

Mal. 3:8 "Will a man rob God? Yet you rob me. But you ask, 'How do we rob you?' In tithes and offerings. ⁹You are under a curse - the whole nation of you - because you are robbing me. ¹⁰Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the Lord Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it."

A tithe is ten percent of my income.

Obeying God is not about the amount, it's about the percentage.

When I choose to disobey God, I choose to live without His blessing.

Deut. 11:26 See, I am setting before you today a blessing and a curse - ²⁷the blessing if you obey the commands of the Lord your God that I am giving you today; ²⁸the curse if you disobey the commands of the Lord your God and turn from the way that I command you today by following other gods, which you have not known.

Lk. 11:42 Woe to you Pharisees, because you give God a tenth of your mint, rue and all other kinds of garden herbs, but you neglect justice and the love of God. You should have practiced the latter without leaving the former undone.

Lk. 16:10 Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much.

Faithful obedience leads to blessing.

Mt. 6:33 ...seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.