

HANDLING THE MONEY

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Handling the money in a way that pleases God means having an undivided heart (Matthew 6:21-24), an unremarkable plan, and an undeniable joy (Proverbs 11:24-25; 2 Corinthians 9:6-7). The unremarkable plan of Scripture guides you to earn money diligently (Proverbs 6:6-8), give it generously (2 Corinthians 8:2-4), save it responsibly (Proverbs 13:7, 22a), and spend it wisely (1 Timothy 6:17).

GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- What is the biggest financial goal you have personally?
- How do your current spending, saving, and giving habits align with this goal?
- What do you think your financial situation would look like if you always followed the “unremarkable plan” of earning, giving, saving and spending?
- Why do people like to hang on to wealth? How might excessive wealth limit a person or couple from handling money in a way that pleases God?
- What is the difference between being poor and being in debt? Why might people choose to be more in debt than to become (or appear) poor?
- What did you think of C. S. Lewis’ insight regarding giving money away to charities?

I do not believe one can settle how much we ought to give. I am afraid the only safe rule is to give more than we can spare. In other words, if our expenditure on comforts, luxuries, amusements, etc, is up to the standard common among those with the same income as our own, we are probably giving away too little. If our charities do not at all pinch or hamper us, I should say they are too small. There ought to be things we should like to do and cannot do because our charitable expenditure excludes them—C.S. Lewis, Mere Christianity.

- What are some advantages gained for couples who co-manage their money by sharing it in one account? If that’s not possible, how else can couples learn to manage their financial resources together.
- What are some specific new strategies that you, or you and your spouse/family could start today to further align your home with the biblical principles on money?