

## The Issues of Money and the Christian Matthew 6

It is said that the New Testament speaks to Christians about their personal wealth and use of money as much as, if not more than, any other subject. Just a few illustrations:

- \_\_\_\_\_ the tax collector turned disciple
- \_\_\_\_\_ the tax collector
- Jesus' account of the \_\_\_\_\_
- Jesus' parable of the \_\_\_\_\_
- Jesus' caustic comments on the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Sanhedrin
- Jesus' comment on the \_\_\_\_\_ of wealth in Matt. 13
- Paul's \_\_\_\_\_ to people who want to get rich in 1 Tim. 6
- James' warning about \_\_\_\_\_ in the church in James 2
- Ananias and Sapphira in Acts 8

I. Material wealth is \_\_\_\_\_

A. Material wealth in \_\_\_\_\_

1. Usually involved \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_ was used to buy or was buried in a secret location
3. No banks or investment \_\_\_\_\_ as we know them today

B. Jesus' \_\_\_\_\_

1. Earthly treasure is subject to \_\_\_\_\_
2. Earthly treasure does not give one \_\_\_\_\_
3. Earthly treasure does not give one \_\_\_\_\_

C. Three warnings against \_\_\_\_\_ material wealth

1. Hoarding money creates an \_\_\_\_\_
2. Hoarding money leads to \_\_\_\_\_
3. Hoarding money \_\_\_\_\_ the hoarder

D. A five question \_\_\_\_\_ each of us should take

1. Do you find yourself constantly \_\_\_\_\_ of money, calculating how much you can add to it this year?
2. Do you spend an inordinate amount of time \_\_\_\_\_ whether you have stored enough to carry you through the end of your days?
3. Do you ever \_\_\_\_\_ others who are able to make money more rapidly than you are and consider yourself to be misused because you can't keep up.
4. Do you view everything you learn and every service you perform in terms of its \_\_\_\_\_ to you?
5. Do you tend to \_\_\_\_\_ at the end of the year mostly on the basis of how much you have earned, as opposed to other more accurate standards?

E. A simple and practical \_\_\_\_\_ for the Christian and his money

1. Put aside each pay period what is needed for the \_\_\_\_\_ of your family in the position to which God has called them.
2. Next, put aside what is necessary to \_\_\_\_\_ your business or profession.
3. Third, put aside what you believe is needed for yourself and your family after you can \_\_\_\_\_
4. When all this is done, consider that \_\_\_\_\_ to be used as He pleases.

II. Spiritual wealth is \_\_\_\_\_

A. \_\_\_\_\_ in Jesus' day

1. Simply knowing that God will \_\_\_\_\_
2. Trusting God's provision to be \_\_\_\_\_ for one's need
3. Value that which is \_\_\_\_\_; not temporal

B. Jesus' comments

1. Spiritual treasure is \_\_\_\_\_
2. It is \_\_\_\_\_
3. It will grow throughout all \_\_\_\_\_

III. Lessons from the mount about **money**

- A. We spend \_\_\_\_\_ and God is concerned with how we spend both.
- B. There is no \_\_\_\_\_ in material wealth in spite of all the advertising to the contrary.
- C. Material wealth is \_\_\_\_\_; it will eventually lose its value.
- D. Material wealth tends to be \_\_\_\_\_; it taints most of us when it touches us.
- E. A principle: When tempted to spend it \_\_\_\_\_, give it back to God.

A SPIRITUAL INHERITANCE  
Phil. 1:1-14

- I. Paul's \_\_\_\_\_ declaration
- A. It comes from the \_\_\_\_\_ of God's grace  
Eph. 1:7; 2:7
  - B. It contains the richness of God's \_\_\_\_\_  
Eph. 1:18; 3:16
  - C. It comes from our Father who is rich in \_\_\_\_\_  
Eph. 2:4
  - D. It is backed by the \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ  
Eph. 3:8
- II. Inheritance \_\_\_\_\_ by God the Father 1:4-6
- A. Authorized by the \_\_\_\_\_ the Father before creation 1:4
  - B. Authorized by our \_\_\_\_\_ by God the Father 1:5
    - 1. \_\_\_\_\_ = we are given immediate adult child status  
so that we can begin claiming our inheritance immediately
    - 2. \_\_\_\_\_ = we will obtain glorified bodies and minds to  
appreciate our inheritance more
- III. Inheritance \_\_\_\_\_ by God the Son 1:7-12
- A. Validated because He has \_\_\_\_\_ us
    - 1. He set us free from \_\_\_\_\_
    - 2. He set us free from \_\_\_\_\_
    - 3. He set us free from the \_\_\_\_\_
  - B. Validated because He has \_\_\_\_\_ us
  - C. Validated because \_\_\_\_\_ according to the  
pleasure of God the Father 1:8-10

III. Inheritance \_\_\_\_\_ by God the Holy Spirit 1:13-14

- A. Sealed according to the \_\_\_\_\_ of God
- B. Sealed as a \_\_\_\_\_ guaranteeing our inheritance against the due date
- C. Sealed as a mark of God's \_\_\_\_\_