

The Christian and Money

The Christian and Money is a valid topic to consider because of the blatant lies that are presented by many in society today as to its place in life. We cannot exist without money. We all have bills, we have to eat, we need a place to live and we have various responsibilities that involve the earning and spending of money. However, we must not fall into society's trap as to the importance of money above almost anything else. If one were to pay attention to the movies, television, news, and almost any other form of media, it would seem that life is all about money. ***That is a lie that is believed by far too many people today!*** It is thinking that is purely secular in nature and completely contradicts that which is revealed in the Scriptures.

God's Word must be studied regularly and intently to glean the truths that God would have us learn about money. We are told that money is a root of all kinds of evil (1 Tim. 6:10). Money cannot deliver what it promises (Eccl. 2:8-11). An improper view of money will lead to temptation and even that "green monster" known as envy (James 5:1-6; Lk. 12:31).

As Christians we must consider how we are to view and use those things with which God has blessed us. May we relish our blessings, but also temper that emotion with the knowledge that we will give account of how we use those things with which we are blessed. Let us consider this and other concepts in our study together this morning.

Sermon: The Christian and Money (1) – 1 Tim. 6:6-10

1. We must understand our relationship with God regarding wealth (Deut. 10:14; Psa. 24:1; Matt. 6:19-21; Heb. 11:24-26; Job 31:24-28).
2. Problems associated with wealth (Mk. 10:23-25; Lk. 12:15; Eccl. 2:10-11; Lk. 12:18-19; James 5:1-6; Lk. 12:13-21).
3. What are we to do with our money? (1 Cor. 16:1-2)

Sunday P.M. – "Zechariah"

Zechariah

Introduction:

- A. Author – Zechariah – “to whom God remembers” – popular name mentioned 27 times in OT.
- B. Date (520 B.C.) – began one month before Haggai ceased (Hag. 2:18; Zech. 1:1)
- C. His message: to establish the “rule of God” – 1:3, 16; 2:10; 6:13; 8:3; 10:11; etc.

Discussion:

1. An Overview of Zechariah

- A. Various visions (Chaps. 1-6)
- B. Information on fasting (Chaps. 7-8)
- C. Messianic References (Chaps. 9-14)

2. Lessons Learned from Zechariah (focus on Chaps. 9-14)

- A. Jesus, the meek and just king (9:1-17)
- B. God’s interest in His people (10:1-12)
- C. Christ to be sold for 30 pieces of silver (11:1-17)
- D. Christ is to be pierced (12:1-14)
- E. The cleansing fountain and the smitten shepherd (13:1-9)
- F. The destruction of Jerusalem (14:1-21)