**The Message Notes**

**Message**: *God’s Money Principles*

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**Genesis 2:15.** Then the Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to **tend** and **keep it**.

**Objective**: As Christ followers, we need to know God’s **money** **principles** according to a **biblical worldview (BW)** so we can glorify God with our money.

**Review:** God’s **Work** **Ethic**

1. **Origin** of work – All **work** (activities) comes from God and is to **glorify** Him (represent His intended purpose). I Corinthians 10:31

**BW**: All our works should *glorify* God (put on display).

2. **Humanity** and work – Our **work** **ethic** matters to God because we are **united with Him**, so we can continue His **creative** works by **procreation** to **colonize** the world by spreading **His image**. Genesis 1:28

**BW**: The foundation of **civilization** is built on **marriage** between a **man** and a **woman** who continue God’s works through procreation and cultivation.

3. **Rhythm** of work and rest – God integrated His **rest** with our works so we can be in **rhythm** with God’s life of works and rest. Genesis 2:3

**BW**: We are to stop and celebrate God’s rest by ceasing from our works, so we can be refreshed spiritually and physically by God.

**Message:** God’s **Money** **Principles**

**Genesis 2:15.** Then the Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden (steward) to **tend** (garden) and **keep it** (guardian).

**Money Principles**: the **first order** for money covers the rest of your needs for money

1. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_– “God took the man and *put him in the garden of Eden*”

* Everything *belongs* to God – Psalms 24:1
* You are *given a* *task* by God
* You are *accountable* to God

**Purpose for work:**

* **Occupation** – money is a means to support your lifestyle
* **Vocation** – money is a means to support the kingdom

“Money is for our stewardship not ownership.”

2. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ – “to tend it or garden it” - God provides us with unique skills, gifts, and talents, so we can **cultivate** our works to **yield** **money** for Him.

* Money is a **commodity** used as a **medium of exchange** to sustain our way of life. I Timothy 6:10
* We become **consumers** of money and begin to **work for money** and instead of **money working for us**. Mark 8:36, Matthew 6:24
* Money can add **meaning** to your life, but money is **not the meaning of life** (Andy Stanley). Luke 12:15

**Money Principle:**

* Greed – you are working for money
* Generosity – money is working for you

**Meaningful life**: A life that is used by God as a **means** to help others.

**Money-Provision-Contentment:** I Timothy 6:7-8, 2 Thessalonians 3:10, Matthew 6:33

3. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ – “keep it or guard it” – You manage God’s money to ensure it is used properly.

“Make sure your lifestyle never exceeds your means (money).”

Proverbs 24:27

a) God gets the **FIRST**: Store up in heaven – Proverbs 3:9-10, Matthew 6:33

**Work Ethics:** Genesis 28:22

* Our part – plow and sow
* God’s part – rain and grows

b) You get **SECONDS**: Store up on earth (provision-prosperity-generosity)

c) Your lifestyle gets the **REST**: Lifestyle equals your means to maintain.

**Money on a Mission Chart:** 1) What you **earn**, 2) What you **owe**, 3) Where does your **money go:** Track by percentages (**Give** some, **Save** some, and **Live** off the rest). Net worth: What you own and your Debt/Profit ratio = \_\_\_\_\_

**Money on a Mission**

Money management entails: (1) What you earn, (2) What you owe, (3) What you own, and (4) Where does your money go by percentages (Give some, save some and live off the rest:

1. We Earn (monthly net income) $

 Income I: $

 Income II: $

 Extra Income: $

1. We Owe (monthly expenses) $
2. Where our money goes (monthly percentages)
3. **Give some:** Percentage: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ %
4. Church: $ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
5. Charities: $
6. Other: $

Subtotal: $

1. **Save some:** Percentage: %
2. Emergencies: $10,000
3. Retirement: $
4. Inheritances: $
5. Vacations: $

Subtotal: $

1. **Live off the rest:** Percentage: %
2. Housing:
3. Mortgage/Rent: $
4. Cell Phones: $
5. Electricity: $
6. Water: $
7. Cable: $
8. Maintenance: $
9. Other: $

Subtotal: $

1. Food:
2. Groceries: $
3. Dining Out: $
4. Other: $

Subtotal: $

1. Personal Allowances:
2. Lunch: $
3. Gas: $
4. Nails: $
5. Hair: $
6. Clothing: $
7. Dry Cleaning: $
8. Other: $

Subtotal: $

1. Insurances:
2. Home: $
3. Health: $
4. Life: $
5. Car(s): $

Subtotal: $

1. Debt Eliminations:
2. Car #1: $
3. Car #2: $
4. Credit Card #1: $
5. Credit Card #2: $
6. Other: $

Subtotal: $

1. Recreations:
2. Movies: $
3. Gym: $
4. Entertainment: $
5. Other: $

Subtotal: $

**Total**: $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

(add your subtotals - should equal your monthly income)

Name the things you own and their worth and compare it with what you owe to find your net worth:

 **Own Worth**

1.
2. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
3.