

## *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:

A. We Earn (monthly net income) \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Income I: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Income II: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Extra Income: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

B. We Owe (monthly expenses) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

C. Where our money goes (monthly percentages)

1) **Give some:** Percentage: \_\_\_\_\_ %  
a) Church: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
b) Charities: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
c) Other: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Subtotal: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

2) **Save some:** Percentage: \_\_\_\_\_ %  
a) Emergencies: \$10,000  
b) Retirement: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
c) Inheritances: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
d) Vacations: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Subtotal: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

3) **Live off the rest:** Percentage: \_\_\_\_\_ %  
a) Housing:  
i. Mortgage/Rent: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
ii. Cell Phones: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
iii. Electricity: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
iv. Water: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
v. Cable: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
vi. Maintenance: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
vii. Other: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Subtotal: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

b) Food:  
i. Groceries: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
ii. Dining Out: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
iii. Other: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Subtotal: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

c) Personal Allowances:  
i. Lunch: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
ii. Gas: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

- iii. Nails: \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- iv. Hair: \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- v. Clothing: \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- vi. Dry Cleaning: \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- vii. Other: \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Subtotal: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

- d) Insurances:
  - i. Home: \$ \_\_\_\_\_
  - ii. Health: \$ \_\_\_\_\_
  - iii. Life: \$ \_\_\_\_\_
  - iv. Car(s): \$ \_\_\_\_\_
  - Subtotal: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

- e) Debt Eliminations:
  - i. Car #1: \$ \_\_\_\_\_
  - ii. Car #2: \$ \_\_\_\_\_
  - iii. Credit Card #1: \$ \_\_\_\_\_
  - iv. Credit Card #2: \$ \_\_\_\_\_
  - v. Other: \$ \_\_\_\_\_
  - Subtotal: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

- f) Recreations:
  - i. Movies: \$ \_\_\_\_\_
  - ii. Gym: \$ \_\_\_\_\_
  - iii. Entertainment: \$ \_\_\_\_\_
  - iv. 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:

<b>Own</b>	<b>Worth</b>
1. _____	_____
2. _____	_____
3. _____	_____