

# *Money Matters*

## Session 1

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## Session Topics

- Money Matters
- What About Debt?
- Practical Stewardship
- The Virtuous Wife, Her Money, & Her Family
- Firstfruits: Learning to Trust in God
- Transform Your Life

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## Money Matters

- Why money matters
- Attitudes toward money
- Changing our money paradigm
- The money paradox

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## Why Money Matters

- Scriptural emphasis:
  - Prayer: ~ 500 verses
  - Faith: ~ 500 verses
  - Wealth: ~2,350 verses
- We struggle with money and stuff
- This is a life-and-death struggle!
- God gives us instructions

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## Why Money Matters

- God is a jealous God
- Whom will we serve? (Mt. 6:24; 1 Jn. 2:15; Phil. 3:17-20; Col. 3:1-5)
- We live in the material world (Lk. 12:15)
- Our treasure and our hearts (Mt. 6:21)
- Wealth can consume us (Mt. 6)

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## Why Money Matters

- Wealth is a blessing (Prov. 10:22; 15:6)
  - We honor God with firstfruits (Prov. 3:9-10)
  - We provide for ourselves and our families
  - We enjoy (Eccl. 3:12-13)
  - We share with others (Eph. 4:28)
- God expects faithful stewardship

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## Attitudes Toward Money

- Money is the root of all evil
- Money is earthly; hence, unimportant
- Money is the measure of success
- Money brings happiness
- Money is the ultimate goal
- What is God's view?

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## Changing Our Money Paradigm



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## Changing Our Money Paradigm

- God Expects Faithful Stewardship  
(1 Cor. 4:2)
- This Includes Financial Stewardship  
(Prov. 27:23-27)
- Illustrating Faithful Stewardship

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## Changing Our Money Paradigm

“The earth is the Lord’s, and all its fullness, the world and those who dwell therein.”

Psalm 24:1

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## Changing Our Money Paradigm

“ For all things come from You,  
and of Your own we have given  
You.”

1 Chron. 29:14

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## Changing Our Money Paradigm

“For every beast of the forest is Mine, and  
the cattle on a thousand hills. I know all the  
birds of the mountains, and the wild beasts  
of the field are Mine. If I were hungry, I  
would not tell you; for the world is Mine,  
and all its fullness.”

Psalms 50:10-12

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## The Money Paradox

- Wealth is a blessing, but also a danger
- My wealth is mine, but it is God's
- I must use my talents faithfully
- I must try to match my money paradigm with God's
- How does God want me to live?

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## How Does God Want Me To Live?

“I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, **that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind,** that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.”

Romans 12:1-2

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