

The Question of Money

1. What is the wise thing to do when it comes to my money?

A common misunderstanding: Having more money would make us happier.

The truth is: being free from the pressures of debt would make us happier.

“He who loves money will not be satisfied with money, nor he who loves abundance with its income. This too is vanity.” Ecclesiastes 5:10

The greatest problem of all is that we allow our culture to influence the way we manage our money.

The right question:

2. In light of my past financial experience, my current financial situation, and my future hopes and dreams, what is the wise thing to do with my money?

Five things to do with our money: (Ron Blue – *Master Your Money*)

- 1. Spend it**
- 2. Repay it**
- 3. Pay taxes**
- 4. Save it**
- 5. Give it.**

“Will a man rob God? Yet you are robbing Me! But you say, ‘How have we robbed You?’ In tithes and offerings.” Malachi 3:8

“Give, and it will be given to you; good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, they will pour into your lap. For by your standard of measure it will be measured to you in return.” Luke 6:38

“Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, so that there may be food in My house, and test Me now in this,” says the Lord of hosts, “if I will not open for you the windows of heaven, and pour out for you a blessing until it overflows.” Malachi 3:10

3. How can we change our thinking and begin to make wise financial decisions?

“Do not be anxious then, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘With what shall we clothe ourselves?’ For all these things the Gentiles eagerly seek; for your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added to you.” Matthew 6:31-33

1. Give
2. Save
3. Retire debt
4. Pay taxes

“Render to all what is due them; tax to whom tax is due; custom to whom custom; fear to whom fear; honor to whom honor. Owe nothing to anyone except to love one another; for he who loves his neighbor has fulfilled the law.” Romans 13:7-8

5. Spend