

JON'S SERMON OUTLINE....

MANAGING GOD'S MONEY, PART 1

"If you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches."
Luke 16:11

Introduction: Debt is a huge problem in America. Mismanagement of money is one of the reasons marriages end up in divorce. The larger issue is that how you handle your money says something about you spiritually. Jesus lets us know in Luke 16:11 that, if God can't trust you with riches here on earth, how can He trust you with the real riches He wants to give you in heaven? The Bible helps us out with this by giving money management principles that equip us to experience the blessing of financial freedom.

1. _____ GOOD RECORDS:
 - a. This is the principle of money awareness (Proverbs 27:23-24).
 - b. Know where your money comes from and where it's going.
2. _____ YOUR SPENDING:
 - a. This is the principle of budgeting.
 - b. If you plan carefully, you will have enough (Proverbs 21:5).
3. SAVE FOR THE FUTURE:
 - a. This is the principle of discipline (Proverbs 21:20).
 - b. Stop trying to keep up with the Jones'.
4. GIVE BACK TO GOD:
 - a. This is the principle of priorities (2 Corinthians 9:7).
 - b. Put God at the top of your money disbursements.
5. ENJOY WHAT YOU HAVE ALREADY:
 - a. This is the principle of contentment (Ecclesiastes 6:9).
 - b. Find yourself satisfied with the abundance of God's blessings.

CONCLUSION: Are the riches of heaven yours today?

Answers: 1. Keep 2. Plan