

God's View On Money

Luke 18:29-30

Introduction: Money and possessions are some of the most discussed topics found in all of Scripture, yet this subject is rarely discussed today.

I. Distortions of Money

Riches Show God's Blessings

Job's friends saw his wealth as a sign of his godliness

Rich, young ruler (Lk 18) was considered right due to wealth

But Heb. 11 shows faithful people who are poor

Money is Evil

1 Timothy 6:6-10 (a love of money is a root)

James 5: Woe to you with riches

But Nicodemus, Joseph of Arimathea, Gaius

II. God's View of Money

A. It is Tool

Phil. 4:11-13, Romans 12:8

B. It is a Treat

Eccl. 5:19

C. It is a Test

Lk 16:11-13, 2 Cor. 8:9, Lk 18:29-30

D. It is a Testimony, Matthew 25:14-30

Lessons from Mt. 25:14-30

1. God owns all wealth, Ps. 50

Wealth carries responsibility

Every decision is a spiritual one

Use of money indicates spiritual health, Col. 3:5

2. Finances are a growth process

We mature in our use and understanding of money

3. Our faith always requires action

Conclusion: Money is a mirror to our inner soul

It shows who we are

It shows how we can improve