

## ***Life Matters More When You Are Financially Healthy!***

### ***Life Matters More When You Honor God, Pt.4***

1 Timothy 6:7-10; Luke 12:15-21; Deuteronomy 8:10-18

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**1 Timothy 6:6**, *But godliness with contentment is great gain. <sup>7</sup>For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. <sup>8</sup>But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that. <sup>9</sup>Those who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. <sup>10</sup>For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.* (Ecclesiastes 5:10)

#### **1. A Parable About Financial FLABBINESS**

**Luke 12:15**, *Then He said to them, “Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions.” <sup>16</sup>And He told them this parable: “The ground of a certain rich man yielded an abundant harvest. <sup>17</sup>He thought to himself, ‘What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops.’ <sup>18</sup>“Then he said, ‘This is what I’ll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store my surplus grain. <sup>19</sup>And I’ll say to myself, “You have plenty of grain laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry.”’ <sup>20</sup>“But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?’ <sup>21</sup>“This is how it will be with whoever stores up things for themselves but is not rich toward God.”*

#### **2. A Warning To GOD’S PEOPLE**

**Deuteronomy 8:10**, *When you have eaten and are satisfied, praise the LORD your God for the good land He has given you. <sup>11</sup>Be careful that you do not forget the LORD your*

*God, failing to observe His commands, His laws and His decrees that I am giving you this day. <sup>12</sup>Otherwise, when you eat and are satisfied, when you build fine houses and settle down, <sup>13</sup>and when your herds and flocks grow large and your silver and gold increase and all you have is multiplied, <sup>14</sup>then your heart will become proud and you will forget the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery... <sup>17</sup>You may say to yourself, “My power and the strength of my hands have produced this wealth for me.” <sup>18</sup>But remember the LORD your God, for it is He who gives you the ability to produce wealth, and so confirms His covenant, which He swore to your ancestors, as it is today.*

➤ **Identifying Financial Mismanagement In God’s People**  
(Haggai 1:5-6)

#### **3. God’s Way To Financial HEALTH**

➤ **A Good Plan: 10-10-80**

- **The First 10% Goes To GOD In The Form Of The TITHE**  
(Malachi 3:10; 1 Corinthians 16:2)
- **The Second 10% Goes To Yourself In The Form Of RETIREMENT AND SAVINGS**  
(Proverbs 21:20)
- **Spend The Last 80% On EVERYTHING ELSE**  
(Proverbs 23:5)

#### **Cottonwood Creek Challenge:**

1. Take a hard look at your attitude towards money and your faithfulness to God with your finances.

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2. If you have questions about 'Honoring God' and would like for the Pastor to answer them, text "QUESTIONS" to 77978 and ask your question.