

# sermon notes

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## ***Five Principles for Biblical Stewardship:***

- 1) View your possessions \_\_\_\_\_  
(Prov 11:4, 28; Ps 24:1–2; 50:10–11; Lev 25:23; Matt 6:19–21)
- 2) Earn your income \_\_\_\_\_  
(Prov 6:6–11; 10:2; 11:1; 13:4; 15:27; 20:17; 26:14; Col 3:23–24; 2 Thess 3:10)
- 3) Utilize your assets \_\_\_\_\_  
(Prov 13:11, 22; Matt 25:14–30)
- 4) Give of your finances \_\_\_\_\_  
(Prov 3:9–10; 11:24–26; 19:17; Mal 3:10; 2 Cor 9:6–7)
- 5) Enjoy money \_\_\_\_\_  
(Prov 15:16; 16:8; 30:7–9; Matt 6:24; 1 Tim 6:10, 17–19)

## ***Five Applications for Handling Money in Marriage:***

- 1) It's not your money; it's \_\_\_\_\_ money
- 2) Check with your mate before a major \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) Beware of \_\_\_\_\_
- 4) Prioritize giving to \_\_\_\_\_
- 5) Live within your \_\_\_\_\_

## **Questions for further application of God's Word:**

### **GO DEEPER**

Is money good, evil, or morally neutral? Read the passages listed above and think through a "Biblical theology of money." What is God's perspective on money? What passages from Scripture have informed you the most on the nature of money? Would you describe money as dangerous? Why or why not?

Why is it important to honor God with your income? Are you committed to giving God the firstfruits of what you make? Do you (and your spouse) set aside a portion of your income each month as a tithe/offering? Have you been consistent with that discipline even in times of financial leanness? If so, how has God honored your obedience?

### **GET PERSONAL**

How are you committed to spending your money wisely and living within your means? What parameters do you have in place for this? Why is debt so destructive to marriages? Are you currently spending more than you make? How can a person reverse that trend?

Is it ok to enjoy money after you've given to the Lord, and you've paid your bills? What are some ways that you are going to budget "enjoyment" into your finances? What are some ways that you are going to help others with your money?

### **PUT IT INTO PRACTICE**

Read the "Five Principles for Biblical Stewardship." Why are these principles so important for the Christian? Why are they important for a healthy marriage? Which one do you personally struggle with the most?

Reread the "Five Applications for Handling Money in Marriage." Which one is the most important? Which one do you personally struggle with the most?

### **ADVANCED QUESTION**

Discuss the dangers of "prosperity theology." Discuss the dangers of "poverty theology." How do these two theologies circumvent the full counsel of God's Word? For more on this, see the following article from Crown Financial Ministries: <https://www.crown.org/all-resources/ask-chuck-poverty-gospel-vs-prosperity-gospel/>