Refuting Christian Money Myths
God’s Financial Plan pt 3

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Worldly Financial Folklore:

• It Takes Breaks To Get Ahead
• It Takes Money To Make Money
• If You Are Honest You Won’t Get Ahead

• Worldly Principles Don't Line Up With God's Financial Plan
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• Creation Of Wealth Is A Gift And A Talent

• Anyone Willing To Sacrifice --- Can Achieve Wealth

• Wealth Occurs When We Follow God's Principles Of Finances
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• Making A Lot Of Money As An End In Itself Is A Poor Investment Of A Life:

• It Requires A Great Deal Of Time To The Virtual Exclusion Of Almost Everything Else
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• There Is No Correlation Between Wealth And Happiness

• A Lot Of Wealthy People Will Go To Bed Miserable Tonight
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• (Prov 10:22 NIV) The blessing of the LORD brings wealth, and he adds no trouble to it.

• When God Brings Wealth---It Is Wealth Without Worry!
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• Our Commitment To God's Word Is Displayed In The Use Of Our Money

• (2 Pet 3:11 NIV) Since everything will be destroyed in this way, what kind of people ought you to be? **You ought to live holy and godly lives**
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Correct Attitude Towards Money:

• Find The Purpose For The Money That God Has Supplied

• Understand That Money And Wealth Are Training Grounds To Develop Trustworthiness
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(Luke 16:11 NIV) So if you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches?
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• Until a Christian has experienced freedom in finances -- they will never experience God's total plan for their lives

• If you are being led by the Spirit --- your finances will follow
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• Poverty Is Next To Spirituality:

• Money Brings Happiness:

• (1 Tim 6:17 NIV) Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment.
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• To Be Wealthy Is A Sin:

• Money Is The Root Of All Evil:

• (1 Tim 6:10 NIV) 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 griebs.
How God's Will Is Expressed In Finances

• When A Christian
  • Accepts His Role As A Steward ...
  • Manages God's Resources According To God's Direction...
  • God Will Entrust More To Him
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• (Prov 28:26 NIV) He who trusts in himself is a fool, but he who walks in wisdom is kept safe.
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• *God Is Looking For People In The Area Of Finances:*
  • Who Have The Proper Attitude Toward Money
  • Who Will Use It According To His Direction
  • Who Will Not Consider Their Own Interests
Seven Reasons To Trust God’s Financial Plan

We Adopt God’s Plan For Our Finances Because

1. It Is A Tried And Proven Pattern Of Giving By Godly People Throughout The Ages
2. God’s Plan Will Help Us To Revere God More In Our Lives
3. It Will Bring God’s Wisdom And Order To Our Finances & It will Help Us To Overcome Materialism
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4. It Will Serve As A Practical Reminder That God Is The Owner Of Everything We Have.

5. God’s Financial Plan Will Allow You To Experience God’s Creative Care And Provisions In Ways You Would Not Otherwise Experience.

6. God’s Financial Plan Will Encourage Our Spiritual Growth And Trust In God.

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• God Keeps Good Books

(Mat 6:19-21 NIV) "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. (20) But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. (21) For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."
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• We Must Build Our Lives On Things That Last
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• There Is No Stewardship Without Sacrifice

• To Give Back To God What He Has Given Takes A Step Of Faith, Commitment & Sacrifice
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• The Ultimate Place Where This Decision And Action Come Together Is At An Altar

• The Altar Is A Place Of Sacrifice Where We Say “Lord I Want To Commit Myself 100% To You”
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- What Better Place Than An Altar To Make The Commitment Of Our Finances To The Lord

- God’s Financial Plan—Starts With You -- Committing Your Life To Him
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• The Bottom Line: God’s Financial Plan Is Not About Giving God A Little Here And There – It’s About Entrusting Him With Your Entire Life!