

## **Managing My Finances Biblically** **Questions**

### **Getting Started**

1. What insight, principle, or observation from this week's message did you find to be most helpful, eye-opening or troubling? Explain.

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**Series: Reboot**

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*“Know well the condition of your flocks, and give attention to your herds, for riches do not last forever; and does a crown endure to all generations?” Proverbs 27:23–24 ESV*

### **Five Consequences of Poor Money Management**

#### **1. A Doorway to Temptation**

*“For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils. It is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs.” 1 Timothy 6:10 ESV*

#### **How I Handle My Money does Affect Me Spiritually**

#### **2. Affects My Relationship with Jesus**

*“But Peter said, “Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and to keep back for yourself part of the proceeds of the land? While it remained unsold, did it not remain your own? And after it was sold, was it not at your disposal? Why is it that you have contrived this deed in your heart? You have not lied to man but to God.”” Acts 5:3–4 ESV*

#### **How I Handle My Money Affects My Relationship with Jesus**

#### **3. Leads to Terrible Times**

*“But understand this, that in the last days there will come times of difficulty. For people will be lovers of self, lovers of money, proud, arrogant, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy,” 2 Timothy 3:1–2 ESV*

#### **How I Handle My Money Affects My Quality of Life**

#### 4. Results in Negative Consequences

*“Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took a journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in reckless living.”*  
Luke 15:13 ESV

#### Every Financial Choice has a Corresponding Consequence

#### 5. Limits My Ability to Serve Others

*“But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (he who was about to betray him), said, “Why was this ointment not sold for three hundred denarii and given to the poor?” He said this, not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief, and having charge of the moneybag he used to help himself to what was put into it.”*  
John 12:4–6 ESV

#### How I Handle My Money Will Affect My Ministry to Others

#### How I Handle My Money is a Heart Issue

##### 1. It Requires Me to Choose Serving God or Serving Myself

*“No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.”*  
Matthew 6:24 ESV

*“The Pharisees, who were lovers of money, heard all these things, and they ridiculed him. And he said to them, “You are those who justify yourselves before men, but God knows your hearts. For what is exalted among men is an abomination in the sight of God.”*  
Luke 16:14–15 ESV

##### 2. It is a Personal Choice Each Follower of Jesus Must Make

*“Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.”*  
2 Corinthians 9:7 ESV

#### Practical Steps for Putting My Finances in Order

##### 1. Put Jesus First

*““and this, not as we expected, but they gave themselves first to the Lord and then by the will of God to us.”* 2 Corinthians 8:5 ESV

##### 2. Let God Bless You.

*“Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. And thereby put me to the test, says the LORD of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you a blessing until there is no more need.”* Malachi 3:10 ESV

*“give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you.”*  
Luke 6:38 ESV

##### 3. Put Together a Monthly Spending Plan

*“For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it?”*  
Luke 14:28 ESV

*“The plans of the diligent lead surely to abundance, but everyone who is hasty comes only to poverty.”* Proverbs 21:5 ESV

##### 4. Establish an Emergency Fund

##### 5. Eliminate Consumer Debt

*“The rich rule over the poor, and the borrower is servant to the lender.”* Proverbs 22:7 NIV

##### 6. Pay Yourself First

*“Wealth gained hastily will dwindle, but whoever gathers little by little will increase it.”* Proverbs 13:11 ESV

##### 7. Enroll in the Financial Peace University Class

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