

## INTRODUCTION

- \* FOCUSING ON THE CHRIST ... *The Shadow of Christ ... The Life of Christ ... The Return of Christ ... The Reign of Christ*
- \* **What we say, and how we live, is a reflection of Who, or what, is residing and reigning in our heart!**
- \* Matthew 6:19-24 <sup>19</sup> “Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; <sup>20</sup> but lay up for yourselves treasures (thesauros) in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. <sup>21</sup> For **where your treasure (thesauros) is, there your heart will be also.** <sup>22</sup> The lamp of the body is the eye. If therefore your eye is good, your whole body will be full of light. <sup>23</sup> But if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in you is darkness, how great is that darkness! <sup>24</sup> No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon.”
- \* **Hence, if Christ is reigning in my heart, then I will increasing reflect Biblical principles in my handling of finances!**

## INSTRUCTION ... *Let's continue considering the Biblical principles of finances which should be reflected in our lives*

- I. **THE PRINCIPLE OF LORDSHIP** (cf. Matt 6: 19-24; 19:21-26; Romans 6:16-18; I Corinthians 6: 12; Prov 22:7)
- II. **THE PRINCIPLE OF OWNERSHIP** (cf. Exodus 19:5; Psalm 24: 1; 50:7,10-12)
- III. **THE PRINCIPLE OF DISCIPLESHIP** (cf. Prov 3:5-14; Col 2:6-9; Eph 4:17-21)

## IV. THE PRINCIPLES OF STEWARDSHIP

- A. **The Administration of Financial Resources** (cf. I Corinthians 4:2 ; Luke 16:10-13; 19:12-26)
- B. **The Acquisition of Financial Resources** ... PRIORITY ... HONESTY ... DILIGENCE ... CONTENTMENT

### C. The Appropriation of Financial Resources

#### 1. GOD

- a. We Are To Give Our First-Fruits to the LORD (cf. Genesis 4:3-5; Exodus 34:26; Deuteronomy 26:1-10; Nehemiah 12:43-44)
- b. We Are To Give Our Tithes to the LORD (cf. Genesis 14: 14-20; 28:20-22; Num 18:25-26; Mal 3: 6-12; Matt 23:23; II Cor 9: 6-8)
- c. We Are To Give Our Offerings to the LORD (cf. Exo 35:4-9, 21-24, 29; 36:2-7; Lk 21: 1-4; Acts 4: 33-35; II Cor 8: 1-5; Phil 4:10-16)

#### 2. G \_\_\_\_\_

- \* Genesis 47:26; I Samuel 8: 11-18; Luke 20:20-25; Romans 13: 1-7; I Peter 2:13-17; Matthew 17:24-27

#### 3. F \_\_\_\_\_

- \* Psalm 127: 1-2; Proverbs 24:3-4; I Timothy 5:3-8; Mark 7:6-13; Proverbs 13:22; 3:35; 21:20

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## INTROSPECTION

- \* HOW WELL ARE YOU REFLECTING CHRIST – AND HIS TEACHING – IN YOUR LIFE?
- \* IN THIS “TAX SEASON” ARE YOU COMMITTED TO REFLECTING  
A BIBLICAL MINDSET IN THE PREPARATION OF YOUR TAXES?
- \* POLITICALLY SPEAKING, HOW DOES THIS EFFECT YOUR VIEWS OF “TAXATION”?
- \* HOW COMMITTED ARE YOU TO HONORING YOUR FATHER AND MOTHER IN THEIR OLD AGE?
- \* IS THERE A NEED FOR REPENTANCE (Changing the way you think)?