

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!** (cf. Matthew 6:19-24)
- * **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; 1 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. 1 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** - First-Fruits ... Tithes ... Offerings

2. **GOVERNMENT** (cf. Genesis 47:26; 1 Samuel 8:11-18; Luke 20:20-25; Romans 13:1-7; 1 Peter 2:13-17; Matthew 17:24-27)

3. **FAMILY** (cf. Psalm 127: 1-2; Proverbs 24:3-4; 1 Timothy 5:3-8; Mark 7:6-13; Proverbs 13:22; 3:35; 21:20)

4. D_____

a. G____ing _____ Debt

i. _____ (cf. Proverbs 22:7)

ii. _____ (cf. Proverbs 11:15; Proverbs 17:18; Proverbs 22:26-27)

iii. _____ (Luke 14:28-30)

OWE NO MAN ANYTHING! Romans 13:8

b. P____ing _____ Debt

i. _____ (cf. 2 Kings 4: 1-7; Proverbs 6: 1-5)

ii. _____ (cf. Numbers 30:2; Psalm 15:4; Psalm 37:21)

iii. _____ (cf. 1 Peter 2: 11-16)

5. S_____

INTROSPECTION

- * WHAT IS YOUR DEBT SITUATION?
- * ARE YOU MAN (or Woman) OF YOUR WORD?
- * IS GOD BEING GLORIFIED IN YOUR STEWARDSHIP OF THE FINANCIAL RESOURCES THAT HE HAS ENTRUSTED TO YOU?
- * WHAT ADJUSTMENTS TO YOUR BUDGET DO YOU NEED TO MAKE?
- * IS THERE A NEED FOR REPENTANCE (Changing the way you think)?