

## 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** - First-Fruits ... Tithes ... Offerings
2. **GOVERNMENT** (cf. 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. **FAMILY** (cf. Psalm 127: 1-2; Proverbs 24:3-4; I Timothy 5:3-8; Mark 7:6-13; Proverbs 13:22; 3:35; 21:20)
4. **DEBTS** ... Going Into Debt ... Paying Off Debt

5. S \_\_\_\_\_ (cf. I Timothy 6: 6-11, 17-19)

a. Have A Godly F \_\_\_\_\_

i. P \_\_\_\_\_ ING TRUE RICHES (cf. Proverbs 11: 24-25; Luke 3:7-11)

ii. T \_\_\_\_\_ ING IN GOD (cf. Psalm 37: 4; Proverbs 14:21; 22:9; 28:27; James 2:14-19)

b. Have A Godly A \_\_\_\_\_

i. BEING P \_\_\_\_\_ ED TO GIVE (cf. Proverbs 3: 27-28; I John 3:16-18)

ii. BEING I \_\_\_\_\_ ED IN ETERNITY (cf. Acts 2:42-47; 4:32-37; Matthew 6:19-20)

## INTROSPECTION

- \* WHAT IS YOUR VIEW OF “SURPLUS”?
- \* WHERE ARE YOU LAYING UP TREASURE? ~ we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out ~
- \* ARE YOU “READY AND WILLING” TO SHARE (Have things in common) ?
- \* IS THERE A NEED FOR REPENTANCE (Changing the way you think)?