

## **What's in it for Me?**

**1 Timothy 6:9-11, Proverbs 30: 7-9**

**God knew how obsessive we would be about money so He placed special emphasis on it in His Word.**

**Did you know there are some 2,350 verses about money—more than any other topic?**

**Did you realize more than half of Jesus' parables use money as object lessons? Knowing where our greatest interest and temptations would be, God spelled out what we would need to know in order to handle our resources with His wisdom.**

**The Lord is personally interested in the details of our life, including our financial security. That is why His Word includes instructions about giving and attitudes He wants us to have.**

**We are to give . . .**

- Generously. Most likely, you have what some would view as blessing beyond measure. Many who have abundance succumb to a temptation to HOARD. Honor God with your first fruits in church offering—right off the top—and then bless others with your abundance.**
- Cheerfully. We should put the Lord's monetary principles into effect joyfully, not under compulsion or guilt. Remember that He knows your heart and motives.**

**• Confidently. God keeps His promises. Malachi 3:10 tells us that when we give to support the Lord's work, He will open the windows of heaven and impact every area of your life.**

**What is in it for Me? Many folks today think money brings happiness. Rich people crave more riches.**

**Is our future in Christ or in our own skills and potential? Are our tools used to serve the Lord by serving others? What are we willing to give up for Christ? What is holding us back? What possessions or accomplishments are holding you back?**

**Remember: One day riches will be gone,  
be content with what you have,  
love people more than money,  
love God's work more than money,  
freely share what you have.**

**Don't dwell in the past. Repent and You are forgiven.**

**Move on in the power of Christ. Know that Christ will reveal and fill up the gaps between what we are and what we should be. So we have no excuses. Just live what you know and learned**

**today and give God what you have and God will do the rest.**

**Great joy in Believing in Christ**

**Great joy in serving Christ**

**Great joy in giving. God loves a cheerful giver so let us give as He gives.**

**Be proud of what God calls you to do! Don't listen to the lies of the enemy:**

**I am too old**

**I am too young**

**I am just a woman**

**I am not educated enough**

**I am educated too much**

**I am too poor**

**I am too rich**

**God prizes generosity, especially joyful generosity.**

**Perhaps we need to break the habit of being so conservative, so careful.**

**Maybe we even need to scare ourselves with acts of generosity. Going out on a limb and trusting God to honor our financial faith.**

**Let us pray: Lord check my heart to see if I really believe God's promises on giving generously? Your word in Ecclesiastes 9:10 reads that whatever our hand finds to do or give do it with your might.**

**Am I responding because I care about you or because I feel guilty?**

**Is my giving to you proportionate to my income?**

**Have I prayed to you or is my giving just impulsive?**

**Am I a consistent giver to you or more hot n cold?**

**We as a church must address our giving for the cause of Christ. We must be an example to our children.**

**I pray that we may neither be in poverty or great riches beyond what we are willing to share with all people who you love.**

