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**Road To Financial Freedom – Bring the Tithe  
Matthew 22:21**

**January 22, 2023**

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**DAILY DEVOTION**

Find a rhythm in God's word this week! Follow this 5 day plan on your own or with your group!

<https://my.bible.com/reading-plans/29941>

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**INSPIRATION**

“We buy things we don't need,  
with money we don't have,  
to impress people we don't like.”  
- Dave Ramsey

“If money can't buy happiness,  
I guess I'll have to rent it.”  
– Weird Al Yankovik

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**ICE BREAKER**

1. What is one of the most satisfying things you've ever spent money on? And one of the most disappointing?
2. Tell us about a church, Christian ministry, special project or charity group you have given to that you felt was extremely worthwhile?

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**DEEP DIVE**

**Read this out loud**

An excerpt from the message this week:



## A) Tithes and Christian Giving

“Satan would like the church’s mission to be nonexistent – he is super happy with empty pews and empty baptistries – he is fine with under funding for the poor – he is just fine with budget cuts and layoffs for church staff. He smiles when churches can no longer keep their doors open because there is no money.”

**Read 2 Corinthians 9:6-8 and then answer the following questions:**

*2 Cor 9:6-8 Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.*

3. Explain your understanding of sowing and reaping and how it applies to giving to the Lord. Do you think you only reap in heaven or does it also extend to this life?
4. What parts of the process of investing in your 401K and stocks seem to parallel the practice of Christian giving?
5. With all the financial pressures we find ourselves under, it’s natural to have feelings of reluctance and anxiety about giving to the Lord. If you are reluctant, should you “not give” until you start feeling “cheerful” about it? What things can you remind yourself of to change the way you feel about giving?
6. List a number of the benefits that come to people who become a generous giving person?

## B) Overcoming Debt

**Read this out loud**

An excerpt from the message this week:

“Have you noticed how easy it is to get into debt – it is so easy to charge things on our card – in a matter of seconds we can hit the limit on one card – and start in on the next card. Average American has 4 credit cards. It is easy to get a credit card – I got one once at the PHX Open because you could get a free T-shirt if you signed up for one – so I did. I got a free T-shirt. When I got home Linda made me call and cancel the credit card before I could do anything else.



Debt is our way of being impatient. We don't want to wait. Rather than feeding the pig – putting money in savings – we go into debt – and we justify it. I deserve this much needed vacation. I need a new truck.”

**Read Proverbs 22:7, the following and then answer the following questions:**

*Prov 22:7 The rich rule over the poor, and the borrower is slave to the lender.*

7. With so many people struggling with debt today, what strategies have you seen to be effective for people in getting out of debt?
8. Do you tend to be more of a spender or a saver? What have you found are the benefits and the problems with that style of handling money?
9. What are you currently doing to switch from being in debt to investing for your future here on earth and investing in the Kingdom of God.

#### **Additional Study**

If you have time during your Small Group or you want to study more about the message topic, read and consider the following passages:

- I Corinthians 16:1-2
- Matthew 6:19-21

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#### **NEXT STEPS**

10. A gift to the Lord: What is something you often purchase which could be intentionally bypassed for a time, and instead – to save that up as a gift for the Lord?

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#### **PRAYER**

Pray about something that would help you get your financial house in order. Perhaps discipline in your spending habits, getting out of debt, or becoming more generous with others and the Lord.

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#### **SERVE YOUR COMMUNITY**

Establish a regular rhythm of serving together! Below are some service opportunities.



- BENSON - Local Mission Partner is ABIDE. Contact Campus Pastor for more information.
- MILLARD - Local Mission Partner is Heartland Hope. Contact Campus Pastor for more information.
- FREMONT - Local Mission Partner is LifeHouse. Contact Campus Pastor for more information.
- OMAHA - Local Mission Partner is Open Door Mission. Contact Lyndsey Deyoe for more information.
- Or get to know your community! Seek out service opportunities in your area.