

MONEY AND THE LOVE OF GOD

Intro. Av. bel doesn't have great opp or exp. Yet can show as deep spirituality thru use of money. Prayers, service can be feigned, but this can't.

I. GIVING. 1 Jn 3:17 explain context.

How to give acc to N.T. Giving is fell, 2Cor 8:4, sp gift, Rom 12:8. Applies to all, not person in next higher income bracket.

1 Cor 16:2--(1) incumbent on each.

(2) Proportionate. OT tithes, to Levite, Lev 27:30-33; to sacred meal in Jerus, Deut 12:5,6,11,18; 3rd yr for poor, Deut 14:28-30. 22%. Larger income for Xn means larger propo:

(3) private deposit. Not against reg giving or pledging, 2 Cor 8:10-11. (4) periodic. Proper giving is not starting with tithe; it is recog 100% is God's then finding propo:

II. BUYING. No one has enuf money tho more than ever. Shouldn't we enjoy progress? Living by faith harder when have.

1. Acquire basic necessities, 1 Tim 6:6. Gain=basics. Contentment=inner resources of one's own life so can Phil 4:12 e.g. Godliness is more basic than gadgets.

2. Do not love money, 6:10. Yet given all things to enjoy. No false humility about what don't have. No pride about what do have

III. STORING. Could add Mt 6 as 3rd point.