

sermon notes

MONEY MATTERS

Part 3: Faith and Finances

God says: "Trust Me! I know what I'm doing..."

Lean on, trust in, and be confident in the Lord with all your heart and mind and do not rely on your own insight or understanding. In all your ways know, recognize, and acknowledge Him, and He will direct and make straight and plain your paths.

Proverbs 3:5-6 AMP

Example of Gideon (Judges 6-7)

"And the LORD said to him, "Surely I will be with you, and you shall defeat the Midianites as one man.""

Judges 6:16 NKJV

1. God asked Gideon to defeat the enemy that was keeping them impoverished

Judges 6:16

2. God counts differently than we do

Judges 7:2, 7:4

3. Gideon learned that in order to defeat the enemy of impoverishment, ***less is more***

Putting God First

"Therefore I say to you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink; nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing?"

Matthew 6:25 NKJV

But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.

Matthew 6:33 NKJV

By putting Him ***first*** He will supply all our needs. Therefore – don't worry – instead, ***trust***.

Two masters - God and Mammon

“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.

Matthew 6:24 NKJV

Putting God first with our finances:

Bring all the tithes into the storehouse so there will be enough food in My Temple. If you do,” says the LORD of Heaven’s Armies, “I will open the windows of heaven for you. I will pour out a blessing so great you won’t have enough room to take it in! Try it! Put Me to the test! Your crops will be abundant, for I will guard them from insects and disease. Your grapes will not fall from the vine before they are ripe,” says the LORD of Heaven’s Armies. “Then all nations will call you blessed, for your land will be such a delight,” says the LORD of Heaven’s Armies.

Malachi 3:10-12 NLT

CONSIDER AND DISCUSS

- In the story of Gideon, what was Gideon trusting in at the beginning of the story? How did God change his perspective, i.e. what he was trusting in?
- Pastor Roy talked about trust as the basis of relationship, and that without trust, anything that the relationship could potentially give you is unavailable to you. Discuss how this applies in our relationship with God, in particular as it relates to finances.
- Matthew 6:24 says we cannot serve two masters. How does giving break the power of money (mammon) over us? Do you have a testimony in this area you can share with your group?
- Is the concept of tithing new to you? Has this message changed your view of tithing in some way?
- One dictionary definition of faith is “belief and trust in and loyalty to God.” How has this message helped you to trust God with your finances?

Notes



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