

Bible Study

God, Money & Me

Opening Question:

1. How do you believe that the local church is funded?
2. What encouraged you most from the booklet "God, Money & Me"?

Read Matthew 25:14-30

Discussion Questions

1. What is the significance of the amount of talents being given to each servant "according to his own ability"?
 - (a) What does this verse teach us about God?
2. What does V19 tell us? What spiritual principle is being illustrated?
 - (a) What do you think this means for our spending and budgeting priorities, our use of time and the gifts/talents God has given us
 - (i) Personally
 - (ii) As a church
3. What "talent" have you "hidden in the ground" and needs to be unearthed by you and put to work for the Master?
4. Verses 21 and 23 both say, "You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things." What do you think that means?
5. How does this parable remove any excuses for not serving the Lord and producing fruit for His kingdom?
6. Aside from money, what other things can we give? (eg Time, Home, Friendship)

Thought Points on Money

- 2 Corinthians 9:6-7: He who sows sparingly will reap sparingly.
- Acts 20:35: It is more blessed to give than to receive.
- Philippians 4:19: God will supply all of your needs.
- Deuteronomy 15:10: Give generously.
- Deuteronomy 16:17: Give as God has given to you.
- 1 Chronicles 29:9: They offered to God with a whole heart.
- Proverbs 3:7: Do not withhold good when it is in your power to do it.
- Proverbs 21:26: The righteous gives and does not hold back.
- John 3:16: God is sacrificial in his giving to us.
- Tithing is a form of proportional giving and is a biblical principle of gratitude towards God which we see in action before the law of Moses.
- Everything belongs to God & we are the caretakers
- Jesus assumes that if you are a Christian you will give. It is part of the Christian life.
- You do not have to be wealthy to be generous
- You can not out give God

Extra Reading

Malachi 3:6-12, 1 Corinthians 16 :2, 2 Corinthians 8:9-12, 9:6-7, John 3:16, Luke 6:38, Proverbs 11:24, Romans 8:17, Matthew 5:16, 6:1-4, Genesis 14:20, Genesis 28:22, Psalm 24:1

Personal Reflection:

- What do your priorities for money, time & generosity demonstrate about your relationship with God?
- What constitutes generosity toward God for you?

Leaders Notes:

- Give out God, Money & Me booklet minimum 1 day before the study
- Pray to open & close the session seeking openness of heart and mind
- Ask opening questions
- Share the reading of the first passage verse by verse.
- Go through 'Thought Points'
- Read extra reading (particularly Genesis, Malachi & Psalm)
- Work through the questions. If you are stuck go back to the thought points.