

28 **HOW TO SOLVE MY FINANCIAL PROBLEMS**



Some people talk about good luck, but the Bible speaks about God's blessings. But does my attitude have anything to do with material prosperity? Certainly. A businessman has to invest his money well to make a profit. A farmer has to sow and properly manage his crops to have a good harvest. If we are administrators, we have to manage to the best of our ability, especially if the means are not our own. Many people would feel honored, and would consider it a privilege if they were asked to invest in a prosperous commercial enterprise. That is exactly what God invites us to do. He asks us to be His partners in the greatest enterprise of all by helping the world escape condemnation and prepare for His coming kingdom of glory. But how can I prosper and solve my financial problems? How can I be blessed by God? How can I make an investment when I am not a merchant, sow if I am not a farmer, close financial deals when I am not an accountant or find a partner who can help me make a profit when I have no capital? God reveals to us a plan in the Bible through which we can prosper.

THE RIGHTFUL OWNER OF ALL THINGS

1. **Man usually claims property ownership however, who is the rightful owner of all things? Psalms 24:1, 2; 50:7, 10-12.**

2. **What does God say about the silver and gold that man claims? Haggai 2:8.**

3. **What should we never say if we have prospered financially and what should we recognize? Deuteronomy 8:11-14, 17, 18.**

4. **On what basis does God claim everything as His?**
 - a) Because He _____ (Psalms 100:3).
 - b) Because we were redeemed with the precious _____ of Christ (1 Peter 1:18, 19).
 - c) For _____ (Acts 17:28).
We were not only created but also saved by infinite grace. Every moment we are sustained by His great love. This ternary cause makes us acknowledge Him as our Savior, Lord, and the rightful owner of our life.
5. **What should I ask myself when I see what Jesus has done and continues to do for me every day? Psalms 116:12-14.**

STEWARDS OF GOD'S PROPERTY

6. **What should we do with our bodies, property, time and money? What title was given to us? 1 Peter 4:10.**

As every man hath received _____, even so minister the same one to another, as _____.
Everything we have belongs to God. We are just stewards.

MY BODY

- I am God's property.
- I glorify God with my body and care for it properly.
- I don't weaken my body, nor do I destroy my vital energy by consuming things detrimental to my health.
- I use my body and its strength to collaborate in God's plan for the salvation of the world.

a) **My body:** we are God's property (1 Corinthians 6:19, 20; 10:31). Let us glorify God in our body by keeping it in good health. Let us not weaken or destroy our vital energy by consuming things that are detrimental to our health. Let us use our body and strength to collaborate in God's plan for the salvation of the world.

MY TIME

- God gives me six days to work and devote to my own interests.
- God claims the Sabbath, the seventh day, as His own. By dedicating this day to my own interests and not to Him, I am stealing from the time that belongs to Him.
- I dedicate some time each day to speaking to others about the plan of salvation.

b) **My time:** God gives us six days to work and devote ourselves to our own interests, but He claims the seventh day, the Sabbath, as His (Exodus 20:9, 10). That day was set aside by God and sanctified; if we dedicate it to our own interests and do not observe it properly, we are stealing from the time that belongs to the Lord. It was instituted for our own good. Let us dedicate this time to speaking with others about the plan of salvation (Acts 4:32).

MY TALENTS

- I use my God-given talents to speak, sing, help the sick, instruct children, etc. to help proclaim the kingdom of God.
- Every day I do something for God; I speak to others of the love of Jesus and teach them about the great truths I learn in His word.
I feel happy and my talents are developing!

c) **My talents:** What do we do with the talents God has given us? Do we use them for Him? Talking, singing, caring for the sick, teaching children, etc., are all talents that God may have given us to be used to proclaim the kingdom of Christ (Matthew 28:18-20).

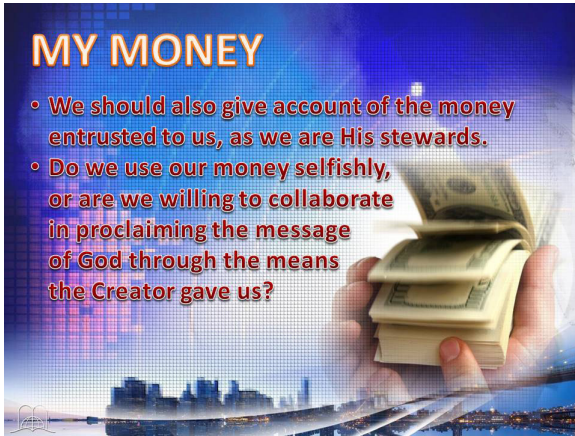
The parable of the talents is solemn and very important (Matthew 25:14, 19-30). We should work every day for God by speaking to others about the love of Jesus and teaching the great truths that we learn from His word. We will feel very happy and our talents will develop!

MY MONEY

- We should also give account of the money entrusted to us, as we are His stewards.
- Do we use our money selfishly, or are we willing to collaborate in proclaiming the message of God through the means the Creator gave us?

d) My money: we will also have to give an account to God for the money that He has entrusted to us.

Do we use money in a selfish way, or are we ready to support the preaching of the message with the means the Creator has given us?



How do we answer the question in Psalm 116:12: “What shall I render unto to the Lord for all His benefits towards me?” What we respond? Proverbs 3:9-10.

This is the secret of material prosperity. We should give a part of our income to help spread God's message.

THE DIVINE PLAN

- 7. What portion of the property God has entrusted to us does He claim for Himself? Leviticus 27:30-32.**

Tithe is one-tenth of our income. We actually do not give it to God, since everything is His; we just return that part and keep nine parts for ourselves. In this way God tests our faith, loyalty and love for a world that needs to receive the light of the gospel through our financial assistance.

- 8. What is the tithe used for? Numbers 18:20-24.**

For their _____ which they serve, even the service...

The tithe is used only for preaching the gospel so God's ministers can dedicate their time for the salvation of souls. For this reason, the tithe is given to the church treasurer, who distributes the income and covers the expenses of the workers.

- 9. What was the tithe used for in the New Testament? 1 Corinthians 9:13, 14.**

They which preach the gospel should _____

- 10. Long before the days of Moses, Abraham and Jacob gave their tithes to God. What means are we taught to give from? Genesis 14:20; 28:20-22.**

Tithe, marriage, and the Sabbath originated in paradise. The tree that belonged to God and which Adam and Eve were not to eat of, represents the tithe. We are also tested.

PRINCIPLES REGULATTNG POVERTY AND PROSPERITY

11. What is one of the great secrets of material prosperity? Proverbs 11:24, 25.

12. What does the Bible say about the results of generosity? 2 Corinthians 9:6, 7, 10.

13. What blessings does God promise the believers? Malachi 3:10-12.

*God says that those who keep for themselves what belongs to Him _____.
He calls for faithfulness, saying: "Bring." He allows us to test Him, because He is faithful to His promise. "I will open the windows of heaven and pour out _____.
" Those who return to the Lord what corresponds to Him can tell
their own experience of how the Lord has kept His promise. The 90% that is left goes farther than the
100% of those who do not pay tithe.*

14. What else should we give? Malachi 3:8.

Offerings. These may be of thanksgiving, first fruit (Deuteronomy 18:4), for the poor (Galatians 2:10; Romans 15:26). In Psalms 41:1, 2 and Proverbs 19:17, there are promises for those who give generously to the poor.

CONCLUSION

15. How can we save in the bank of heaven? Luke 6:38.

Give _____ for with the same measure that you measure _____.

God loves those who give with a cheerful heart, but we should remember that we are not really giving anything, because everything belongs to Him. When we return what is His, we are simply saying, "I acknowledge You as my Lord, I love you. Here is the interest of what You gave to me to manage." And He will say, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy Lord." Matthew 25:21.

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My decision: *I am willing to be a faithful steward of God and to cooperate in His work.*

☐ Yes ☐ No

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