



SERMON NOTES

GLOBAL OUTREACH CHURCH

IT MATTERS (4): Money Edition (STEWARDSHIP 1)

Money Matters

Money does matter because it gives some measure of enhanced ability to function decently within the space of human endeavors. Sometimes, skills, wisdom, abilities, strengths, etc., not translated into money may be painfully limited in its impact. (Ecclesiastes 9:15). This is because we live in a world where money is the metric for the viability of a great deal of things.

As Christians, who live in a world where money matters, we, like any other person or people, are equally subjected to the effect and power of money. Therefore, we have no choice but to play the money game, albeit God's way.

Things to note as we seek to personally steward our money:

1. **Pay attention** - Know what is happening to your money always (Prov. 27:24). Pay attention because of the day/night, summer and winter seasons of life. Jesus, in many of his parables, enjoined his listeners to pay attention to financial matters (Matt. 25:14-30; Luke 16:1-13).

ACTION REQUIRED:

Everyone should take a measure of their financial "temperature" at least once a month.

2. **Leverage the power of NO** - Most money successes or problems have their root in good or bad habits/behavior. Money is amoral, but takes on the character of who owns it. One of the most important behaviors that keeps our money in check is restraint (NO) (1Cor. 9:25; Prov. 23:1-2). Some use money to cover for certain shortcomings rather than the value of what it should do. E.g. using money to make a statement, to boost our ego etc. can easily get us into financial trouble.

ACTION REQUIRED:

Embrace the 24-hr. ceasefire rule especially when you are under pressure to use money.

3. **Respect the power of INTEREST** - Interest is a double-edged sword depending on what side of the divide you are on. If you are on the receiving end, it can be incredibly rewarding; however, if you are on the giving end of the divide, it can be very painful. Proverbs 22:7, Matt. 25:24-29, Prov. 24:27. Without interest the real value of money diminishes.

ACTION REQUIRED:

As much as possible reject borrowing and learn to invest.



4. **The future starts now** - if you wait until tomorrow to take care of tomorrow's business, you are late. We must take care of tomorrow's business today. Prov. 24:27; 27:12; 2Cor. 12:14; Prov. 13:16 and 22.

ACTION REQUIRED:

Insure yourself. It is better to have it and not need it than to need it and not have it. Matt. 25:1-13

