

## MAKING JESUS THE LORD OF MY LIFE--LESSON 5B

### MAKING JESUS LORD OF MY FINANCES

- Name five reasons for earning money:

2 Thessalonians 3:10 - To support \_\_\_\_\_

1 Timothy 5:8- To support \_\_\_\_\_

Ephesians 4:28; Galatians 6:10 - To help \_\_\_\_\_

Galatians 6:6; 1 Corinthians 9:14 - To help the work of \_\_\_\_\_

Romans 13:7 - To help the needs of one's \_\_\_\_\_

#### 4. Honoring God through our offerings

- Though the New Testament leaves a Christian free to decide what portion of his income he will contribute to the work of the church (2 Corinthians 9:7), what Old Testament commandment reveals God's mind about the portion of a person's income that would honor God as a gift? Leviticus 27: 30,32; compare Genesis 28:20-22 \_\_\_\_\_
- Considering that we have received so much more grace and help from the Lord than the Old Testament people did, do you think a Christian should be satisfied to give less to God's work than the Old Testament people were commanded to give?  
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- In deciding what portion of my income to give to God, should I take my standard from some weak, uncommitted Christian around me, or from the expressions of God's mind in the scriptures? \_\_\_\_\_
- When God's people failed to support God's work financially, God said they were \_\_\_\_\_ him. Malachi 3:7-12.
- Upon receiving income, *when* were God's people to start giving to God, and of what quality were their gifts to be? Exodus 23:19a; compare Exodus 13:12  
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- What do these examples say to us today about the honor due to God in giving?  
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- In giving to God's work and to those in need, we are becoming more like God who

loved us and gave his Son. John 3:16. Jesus said, "It is more \_\_\_\_\_ to give than to receive." Acts 20:35

- How does God feel about a person who gives freely and gladly?  
2 Corinthians 9:7 \_\_\_\_\_
- What has God promised to do for those who put God's kingdom first in their finances? Matthew 6:31-33; Luke 6:38; Malachi 3:10, 11  
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5. **Managing our finances so as to honor and serve the Lord**

- Satan can use finances, just as he can use drugs, drink or immorality, to bring people into conflict and bondage. If a Christian gets into a lot of unnecessary debt because he wants too many things, how will this affect his ability to serve God and others with his money and his life? \_\_\_\_\_
- If he has a lot of debts, what should a Christian plan to do in order to free himself to serve God better? \_\_\_\_\_
- In the story of Luke 9:11-17, what action of Jesus and his disciples at the end of the story shows that we are not to waste what we have but use it carefully?  
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**Conclusion:** The Bible says a lot about how we use our money. This is one of the greatest tests of our loyalty to Christ as Lord. The Christian whose finances are under Christ's control will really stand out in a materialistic, immoral and undisciplined world. Matthew 5:16.