

Faith Christian Fellowship
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FCFT Foundations: Handling Money

♥ Proverbs 10:22. God is extremely interested in our finances.

- From the beginning, God has desired to bless His people financially.
 - Deuteronomy 28:1-14 The blessing of God includes financial prosperity.
 - 3 John 2 God wants our finances to reflect our spiritual increase.
 - Psalm 1:1-3 We are designed to succeed.
 - We need to be financially able to do the work of God in the earth
 - And God is able to make all grace (every favor and earthly blessing) come to you in abundance, so that you may always and under all circumstances and whatever the need be self-sufficient [possessing enough to require no aid or support and furnished in abundance for every good work and charitable donation]. (2 Corinthians 9:8 AMP)
 - Our handling of money is reflective of our spiritual condition.
 - Luke 12:34 You put your finances into what is important to you.
 - Luke 16:11 Financial stewardship reflects readiness for greater spiritual responsibility
 - Deuteronomy 8:1-18 Prosperity can present a temptation to some people. Note 1 Tim 6:17
- ♥ The tithe is the foundation of the financial plan of God.
- God instituted this principle in the Garden of Eden. He set aside one tree for Himself and asked that it be kept holy unto Him. It was a test of obedience.
 - Abraham paid tithes to Melchizedec long before the law was given. It was an act of worship and gratitude toward God. Genesis 14:18-24

- Jesus is our High Priest after the order of Melchizedec. Hebrews 7:4-17
- Under the law the tithe was holy to the Lord. Leviticus 27:30-32
- The tithe is God's property, and to spend it is to attempt to take what is His. Malachi 3:8-9
- Malachi 3:10-14 The tithe is one tenth of all the increase of the household. It goes to the local church where the Word is being taught. It offers protection from the thief, and the promise of a great harvest.

♥ Other kinds of giving.

- Offerings: Giving above the tithe to the work of the Gospel.
 - As the Lord leads to the local church. Note again Malachi 3:8-9.
 - To the support of outside ministries from whom we receive or hope to receive spiritual blessing. Galatians 6:6-10 / Romans 15:27
 - These are the monies upon which we claim multiplied blessings. 2 Corinthians 9:6-11
- Alms: Monies, services, or goods given to help the poor and needy.
 - Always to be done without fanfare. Matthew 6:1-4
 - Brings a special blessing and favor from the Lord. Proverbs 19:17 / Proverbs 28:27 / Psalm 41:1-3

✓ **God's will is my prosperity.**

✓ **My giving is His measure.**

✓ **His wisdom is my business plan.**

✓ **My character is His restraint.**

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