

The Gospel and Money

Why does money matter:

- To us?
- To Jesus?

1. Principles to live by

Matthew 6

a. Kingdom People

- i. Our attitude to money should be shaped by Christ
- ii. Our attitude to money should be different to the world

b. Kingdom Rule

- i. God is our Lord – we are stewards of his money
- ii. God is our Father – he protects and provides

c. Kingdom Destination

- i. Live in light of eternity
- ii. Actively invest in eternity
- iii. Look for lasting reward

2. Lies to beware

- Where do we see these lies in society, in church and in ourselves?
- What core truths can we take from these passages?
- How do these truths help us to refute the lies of the world and live as kingdom people?
- Looking at this case study, how would you help them to refute the lie they're believing by encouraging them with the truth?

Lie #1 - Independence

"Money helps me to take charge of my life and gives me satisfaction in the here and now"

Ecclesiastes 5:8-20, Proverbs 11:24, 15:16, 23:4-5, 30:7-9, Luke 18:18-30

Truth –

Lie # 2 - Security

"Money provides us with comfort and security, for the present and the future"

Luke 12:13-34, 1 Peter 1:3-5, Philippians 4:10-20

Truth –

Lie #3 - Split Loyalties

"It's perfectly possible to pursue an accumulation of wealth while also being sold out for the Gospel - God doesn't really care about my money"

Luke 16:13, Matthew 6:24, 1 Timothy 6:6-10, Luke 12:13-21

Truth –

3. Practical Outworkings

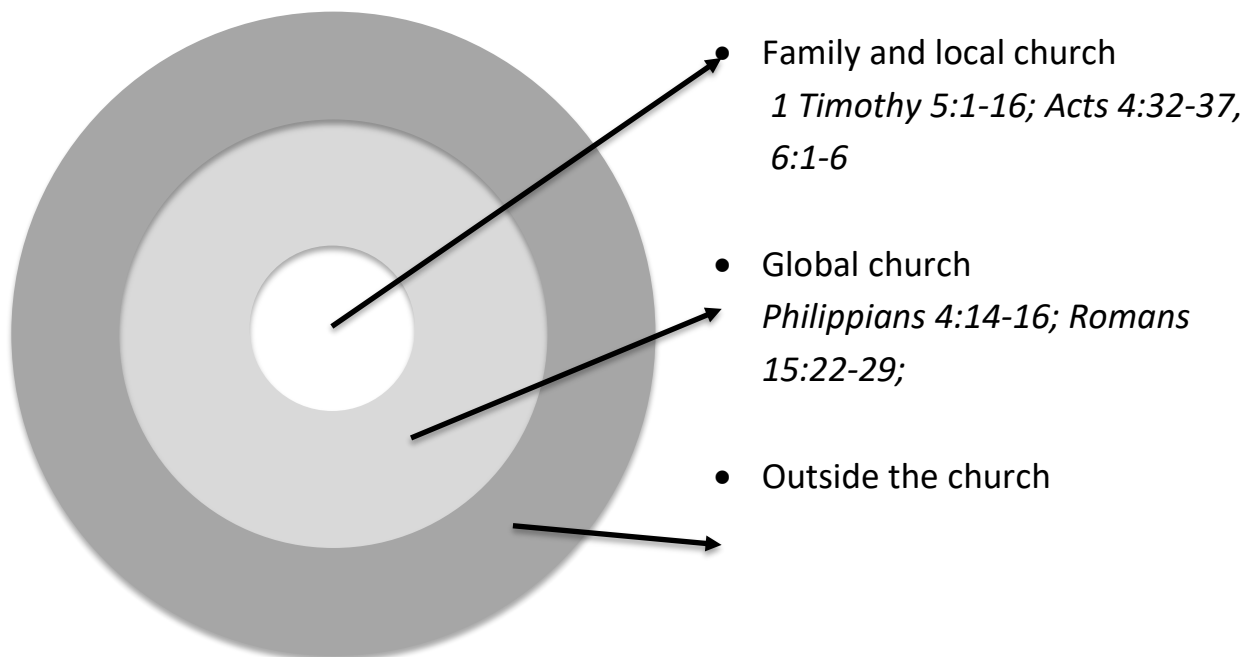
- a. Spending
- b. Saving

c. **Giving**

2 Corinthians 8:1-15

- Motivated by Grace
- Joyful
- Costly
- Proportional

How do these principles affect our spheres of giving?



d. Wisdom and Prayer

A practical example from John Wesley

1. In spending this money, am I acting as if I own it, or am I acting as the Lord's steward?
2. What Scripture passage requires me to spend this money in this way?
3. Can I offer up this purchase as a sacrifice to the Lord?
4. Will God reward me for this expenditure at the resurrection of the just?

My Next Steps

Further Reading

**Graham Beynon – Money Counts*

Ash Carter – The Money Mentor

Randy Alcorn – Managing God's Money