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Do you control your money or does your money control you? Do you play the “IF” game? “If I had enough money, I would buy this or that?” “If I had enough money I would be happy,” IF, IF, IF....

Unfortunately, money was never designed to make one happy. Buying things and keeping up with the “Joneses” will only give you temporal happiness, leaving you empty and unsatisfied afterwards.

Do you want to become debt free, be able to save and plan for the future? It starts with learning to take control of your money.

So many of God’s children have fallen for Satan’s lies and traps. He has us believing we are living the “American Dream” by desiring bigger houses, multiple cars in the driveway, TV’s in every room; designer clothes, etc. If you have fallen into this trap, ask yourself, who is laughing all the way to the bank, and who is now drowning in debt?

The original “American Dream,” as I remember reading, was the pursue of freedom, justice, life, and liberty for all to freely worship the living God—not accumulating possessions.

Do you want to become debt free and live your life the way God intended for each of his children? The **first step** begins with the renewing of your mind (Romans 12:2). You must change the way you think about “your money.” It doesn’t belong to you. Every-

thing we think we own belongs to God. Deuteronomy 10:14 and Psalms 24:1 tells us that everything belongs to God. He has given us “stewardship” over these possessions, and one day we will be held accountable for how we have managed the money and possessions He has entrusted to us.

We must stop conforming to the beliefs of this world and allow God to help us transform our thinking about money. God is our resource and our lifeline. Before we can get right with money, and take control of it, we have to get right with God. Acknowledge God as our resource (“My God shall supply all “my” needs according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus” (Phil. 4:19)) and become obedient to His Word. True prosperity is found in the Word of God not in money. Money is just a tool! It has no power or authority. It is an inanimate object! Money has been given to us as a tool for furthering His Kingdom. It is not a possession. Money is a tool by which God blesses and empowers His people. It is a tool by which He measures our commitment and spiritual relationship with Him. **Secondly**, learn to become a giver and not always a receiver. Use the “tool” God has given you to “tithe” 10% into His kingdom. Tithing is a “Kingdom Principle.” Too many Christians say they can’t afford to tithe—but guess what, “you can’t afford not to tithe.” God will not bless disobedience, so allow God to bless you and then He can use you to bless others. When we begin to understand the purpose of money, then we are well on our way to learning how to become debt free.

If you give, you will receive. Your gift will return to you in full measure, pressed down, shaken together to make room for more and running over. Whatever measure you use in giving—it will be used to measure what is given back to you.

Luke 6:38