

Money Myths Exposed – Week 2

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Myth #1: God wants my _____

Myth #2: What's mine is _____

Truth: You can't be a fully devoted follower of Christ without _____ your finances to God.

I. Mo' Money

Myth #3: More _____ equals more _____.

Philippians 4:10-13

I rejoice greatly in the Lord that at last you have renewed your concern for me. Indeed, you have been concerned, but you had no opportunity to show it. ¹¹I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. ¹²I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. ¹³I can do everything through him who gives me strength.

- The secret is not in the _____ but the _____.
- If you aren't content where you _____, you will not be content where you _____ to be.

Truth: Money isn't the solution, but _____ is.

Margin: Cash _____ minus cash _____

- If _____ and _____ are tracking equally, then when life happens, _____ will always follow.

II. The Mystery of Margin

Malachi 3:7-12

Ever since the time of your forefathers you have turned away from my decrees and have not kept them. Return to me, and I will return to you," says the LORD Almighty. "But you ask, 'How are we to return?' ⁸ "Will a man rob God? Yet you rob me. "But you ask, 'How do we rob you?' "In tithes and offerings. ⁹ You are under a curse—the whole nation of you—because you are robbing me. ¹⁰ Bring the whole tithe into the

storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the LORD Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it. ¹¹ I will prevent pests from devouring your crops, and the vines in your fields will not cast their fruit," says the LORD Almighty. ¹² "Then all the nations will call you blessed, for yours will be a delightful land," says the LORD Almighty.

Marginless living results in two outcomes

1. You rob _____
 - Life without _____ will affect you financially, relationally, emotionally, professionally, and spiritually.
 - _____ happens in the margin.
2. You rob _____
 - When you rob God financially, you remove his _____ from your financial life.
 - Most Christians " _____ " their way out of being good stewards.
 - _____ is a greater deterrent to stewardship than _____.
 - We build _____ in our lives by not giving.
 - Nothing prepares you for a rainy day like _____ today.

Psalms 37:25

I have been young, and now am old; yet I have not seen the righteous forsaken or his children begging bread.

- Percentage/priority giving breaks the power of _____ in your life.
- When you surrender your finances to God, he will start to work on the _____ before he works on the _____.

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