Outline

Intro: The five biblical financial principles from Ron Blue

- (1) Spend less than you earn
- (2) Avoid the use of debt
- (3) Build margin (save)
- (4) Set long term goals
- (5) Give generously

I. _____ Be a Generous Giver?

A. _____

Proverbs 3:7 (NASB) 7 Do not be wise in your own eyes; Fear the LORD and turn away from evil.

Deuteronomy 14:22-23 (NASB) 22 "You shall surely tithe all the produce from what you sow, which comes out of the field every year. 23 "You shall eat in the presence of the LORD your God, at the place where He chooses to establish His name, the tithe of your grain, your new wine, your oil, and the firstborn of your herd and your flock, so that you may learn to fear the LORD your God always.

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B. ____

Proverbs 3:8 (NASB) 8 It will be healing to your body And refreshment to your bones.

C. _____

Proverbs 3:10 (NASB) 10 So your barns will be filled with plenty And your vats will overflow with new wine.

Psalm 24:1 (NASB) 1 The earth is the LORD'S, and all it contains, The world, and those who dwell in it.

Also Leviticus 25:23; 1 Chronicles 29:12; Haggai 2:8; Job 41:11; Psalm 50:10-12; 104:24; 115:16; 1 Corinthians 10:26;

2 Corinthians 9:6-8 (NASB) 6 Now this I say, he who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. 7 Each one must do just as he has purposed in his heart, not grudgingly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. 8 And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that always having all sufficiency in everything, you may have an abundance for every good deed;

Matthew 6:19-21 (NASB) 19 "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. 20 "But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys, and where thieves do not break in or steal; 21 for where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

"My heart always goes where I put God's money."

- Randy Alcorn

II. Be a Generous Giver?

A. ____

Proverbs 3:5 (NASB) 5 Trust in the LORD with all your heart And do not lean on your own understanding.

B. _____

Proverbs 3:6 (NASB) 6 In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He will make your paths straight.

C. _____

Proverbs 3:9 (NASB) 9 Honor the LORD from your wealth And from the first of all your produce;

Genesis 4:3-5 (NASB) 3 So it came about in the course of time that Cain brought an offering to the LORD of the fruit of the ground. 4 Abel, on his part also brought of the firstlings of his flock and of their fat portions. And the LORD had regard for Abel and for his offering; 5 but for Cain and for his offering He had no regard. So Cain became very angry and his countenance fell.

Tithes Both of these examples before Mosaic Law Abraham Genesis 14:20 Jacob Genesis 28:22

Offerings Freewill Offerings above the tithe Ezra 1:4,6; 3:5; 7:16; 8:28 see also Exodus 36:4-7

Almsgiving The Poor

3 Tithes in the Bible

- 1) was for priests and Levites Numbers 18:21,24 Numbers 18:24 (NASB) 24 "For the tithe of the sons of Israel, which they offer as an offering to the LORD...
- 2) was for a sacred festival Deuteronomy 12:17-18; 14:23
- 3) was for orphans, widows and the poor Deuteronomy 14:28-29; 26:12-13

On the poor, see also

Deuteronomy 14:29; 15:10; 23:20; 28:8-14

Proverbs 11:23-28; 19:17; 22:7-9;

Luke 6:38

Matthew 25:34-46

Proverbs 28:27 (NASB) 27 He who gives to the poor will never want, But he who shuts his eyes will have many curses.

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Matthew 23:23 (NASB) 23 "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you tithe mint and dill and cummin, and have neglected the weightier provisions of the law: justice and mercy and faithfulness; but these are the things you should have done without neglecting the others.

Jesus never lowered the bar, he raised it!

Matthew 5:17-48

Matthew 5:19-20 (NASB) 19 "Whoever then annuls one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever keeps and teaches them, he shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven. 20 "For I say to you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven.

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Outline (continued)
Other Scriptures on Tithing:
   Leviticus 27:30-33;
   Numbers 18:21-32;
   Deuteronomy 12:5-19; 14:22-29; 26:1-13;
   2 Chronicles 31:5-6,11-12;
   Nehemiah 10:34-39; 40-47; 13:4-5,10-14;
   Amos 4:4-5;
   Malachi 3:7-12;
   Matthew 23:23-26;
   Luke 11:39-42;
   Hebrews 7:1-10
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Conclusion:

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Acts 20:35 (NASB) 35 "... remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that He Himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive."

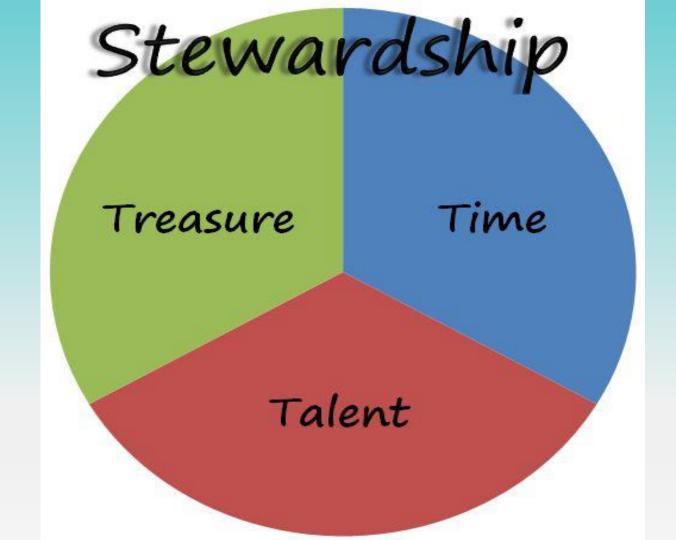
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Generous Giving

1 Timothy 6:6-12,17-19 (NASB)





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Why Be a Generous Giver?A. Repenting

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- I. Why Be a Generous Giver?
 - A. Repenting
 - B. Refreshing

Proverbs 3:8 (NASB)

8 It will be healing to your body And refreshment to your bones.

- I. Why Be a Generous Giver?
 - A. Repenting
 - B. Refreshing
 - C. Replenishing

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- I. Why Be a Generous Giver?
- II. How Be a Generous Giver?

A. Faith

Proverbs 3:5 (NASB)

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- I. Why Be a Generous Giver?
- II. How Be a Generous Giver?
 - A. Faith
 - B. Fullness

Proverbs 3:6 (NASB)

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 - A. Faith
 - B. Fullness
 - C. First

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Questions

- 1. Of the following five biblical financial principles from Ron Blue, which of these do you feel you have a good handle on? Which of these do you feel you need to improve on?
 - (1) Spend less than you earn
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- 2. Why do you think the Lord has linked tithing and the handling of our money and possession with the fear of the Lord? See Prov 3:7;

 Deut 14:22-23
- 3. How could giving generously affect you physically? Prov 3:8
- 4. Why do you think that God loves to replenish a generous giver? Prov 3:10;2 Corinthians 9:6-8 Luke 6:38

- Do you agree with Randy Alcorn's quote: "My heart always goes where I put God's money."
- 6. How is giving a tithe first to the Lord connected with faith or trusting the Lord? Prov 3:9
- 7. How should God owning everything affect my attitude towards giving? Ps 24:1 Prov 3:6
- 8. Do you believe in the Biblical concept of tithing or do you believe it is an Old Testament principle that we no longer are responsible to obey? Why or why not?

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9. Why do you think Abraham and Jacob (Genesis 14:20; Genesis 28:22) tithed, especially since it was before Moses' law? What do you think is God's reasoning behind tithing the first of our income to Him? What does He hope to accomplish within us?

10. What do you think of the "treasure principle" from Matthew 6:19-21 (NASB) 19 "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. 20 "But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys, and where thieves do not break in or steal; 21 for where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

- 11. Have you ever given sacrificially? Share your story with your group as an encouragement to them?
- 12. Share with the group a time when you were the recipient of an act of generosity. Perhaps it was an unexpected financial gift, a need you had that someone met, or even someone pouring into you emotionally or spiritually. How did this act of generosity impact you? Was it difficult to receive this gift? Why or why not?