



**“Show Me The Money:  
How To Serve God With  
Our Treasure”  
Acts 20:32-35**

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If you could go back and spend a day with any of our past presidents, who would it be?

*The Study:*

The Lord taught more about money than just about any other subject. When you realize that the Bible speaks the most about those areas of life which have the greatest power to bless us or curse us, this should make sense. In this study based on a short passage from a sermon of Paul the apostle, we look at four principles that, *if practiced*, can lead us to financial freedom.



**Keep Your Eyes On Your Spiritual Inheritance**

*“And now I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified...” – Acts 20:32*

1. Read Romans 8:16-17 and 1 Peter 1:3-4.

What do these verses teach us about being “spiritual heirs”? See if you can come up with 3-5 ideas.

2. How can thinking more about the *next* life help us live *this* life better?

**Get Your Eyes Off Of Everyone Else’s Stuff**

*“...I coveted no one’s silver or gold or apparel.” – Acts 20:33*

3. Read Deuteronomy 5:21. Then get in touch with your inner Miriam-Webster and come up with a working definition of “coveting”.

4. We discussed two aspects of coveting in the teaching. First, we start hating our own stuff. Then we start hating our neighbor for his stuff. What’s going on inside our hearts when we do this?

5. One antidote to coveting is to learn contentment. What do the following verses say about contentment. Share your observations.  
*Philippians 4:11-13*

*Hebrews 13:5-6*

**Work Hard, Then Learn To Budget And Save**

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6. Read 2 Thessalonians 3:10. Isn’t the Bible just meaning mean here? Talk about it.

7. Budgeting (knowing what you have coming in and going out) is a biblical financial principle. It's a simple discipline but one that so many struggle to practice. Take a few minutes to talk about some of your good and bad habits when it comes to money. (And make this a focus of prayer for each other at the end of the study.)

8. Read Proverbs 6:6-11 and Proverbs 13:11. What does it teach about saving? Why is it important to learn to live – not *according* to our means – but *below* our means?

### **Live To Give**

*“In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’” – Acts 20:35*

9. The 10-10-80 plan we discussed means giving 10% to God, 10% to yourself (in savings) and living on the other 80%. Assuming that the tithe is still a good spiritual barometer for our giving, is God asking for too much from us? Discuss your thoughts.

10. In the teaching we said that as our income level rises it's not just our standard of living that should go up, but our standard of *giving*. The famous 18<sup>th</sup> century preacher John Wesley determined early in his life what he needed to live in reasonable comfort, then made the decision to give away whatever he received in excess of that amount. His giving went from 10% to 20% to 50% and more throughout his life. How do you find this idea?

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