

MAAK 'N VERSKIL – GELD DEEL 5

Fil 4:10-23

Vandag praat ek met jou oor die mees kontroversieele onderwerp in die kerk.... Dit is nie homoseksualiteit of the LBGTQ kult nie – dit is geld.

Die mees sensitiefste senuwees is die een wat hardloop tussen ons brein en ons beursies. Die mag van geld.

Maak nie saak wie jy is , van waar jy kom, almal van ons deel met en vir geld. Jys of die ou op straat, of jy bly in 'n dubbel verdieping huis, jy ry dalk 'n ou ford cortina of 'n splinter nuwe ford ranger... almal van ons het iets met geld te doen.

As jy 'n tennisbal goed wil slaan vra die pro's soos Serena Williams, as jy 'n rugby bal goed wil skok vra vir Morne Steyn of Percy Mtgomery.

As jy iets oor geld wil weet vra vir Salomo. **Prediker 5:8-10**

'Maar 'n voordeel vir 'n land onder alles is dit: 'n koning wat aan die landbou diensbaar word. Hy wat geld liefhet, kry nie genoeg van geld nie, en wie rykdom liefhet, nie van inkomste nie; ook dit is dan tevergeefs. As die goed baie word, word die eters baie; watter voordeel het die besitter dan daarvan, behalwe dat sy oë dit aanskou? '

The story is told of a man who had a horrible dream. He said, "I dreamed that the Lord took my Sunday offering and multiplied it by ten, and this became my weekly income. In no time I lost my color TV, had to give up my new car and couldn't make my house payment. After all, what can a fellow do on \$10 a week?"

If the Lord took your offering, multiplied it by ten, and made that your weekly income, how much would you make?

The Research

- The phrase **"how to budget"** receives **72,102** unique monthly searches on YouTube in America – according to KeywordTool.io
- The most important financial goal of American Christians is to **"provide for my family"**¹⁵
- The second most important financial goal of American Christians is to **"support the lifestyle I want"**¹⁶
- The **sixth** most important financial goal of American Christians is to **"serve God with my money"**¹⁷
- According to a poll by the Bank of Montreal, **68%** of Canadians surveyed say **fighting over money** would be their top reason for divorce – ahead of infidelity¹⁸

The Bible has a lot to say about money.

About stewardship. Hard work. Generosity. Tithing. Greed. Contentment.

On the other hand, money is a sensitive topic for the two largest living generations: **Boomers** and **Millennials**.

Only **25%** of Boomers feel confident they have enough money to last through retirement. Even worse? **42%** of Boomers have **nothing saved for retirement**.¹⁹

But wait there's more...

Because young people don't have it much better. **American student debt has tripled in the last decade**. For Millennials, traditional life milestones such as home ownership and marriage don't feel like a realistic option.²⁰

MATTHÉÛS 6:24 - ' Niemand kan twee here dien nie; want òf hy sal die een haat en die ander liefhê, òf hy sal die een aanhang en die ander verag. Julle kan nie God én Mammon dien nie! '

Hier sê Jesus eintlik dat geld nie alleen 'n onderhandelings kommoditeit is nie, maar ook 'n god vir sommige mense. Vandag moet ons bes doen om geld van die troon af te stoot.

Die man se vir sy vrou dat sy him eendag met al sy geld moet begrawe...
SPREUKE 11:28 - ' **Wie op sy rykdom vertrou, dié sal val; maar die regverdige sal soos blare uitspruit.** '

I TIMÓTHEÛS 6:17 - 'Beveel die rykes in die teenwoordige wêreld om nie hoogmoedig te wees nie en ook nie hulle hoop te stel op die onsekerheid van die rykdom nie, maar op die lewende God wat ons alles ryklik verleen om te geniet; '

SPREUKE 13:16 - 'Elke skrandere handel met kennis, maar die dwaas strooi sotheid rond. '

Things bought at garage sales don't usually end up on the evening news, but a Chinese bowl bought by a New York family in 2007, became famous in April of 2013. The new owners paid just three dollars for what turned out to be a **bowl from the Northern Song Dynasty** that was more than one **thousand years old**. Until someone told them what they really had, the family had the bowl stuck on the mantle over their fireplace. When they placed the bowl with Sotheby's Auction House for sale, it was estimated to go for approximately \$200,000. Instead a dealer from London purchased it for more than \$2,000,000!

Why would the first owners sell something so valuable for just \$3? The answer is that they didn't appreciate what it was worth. We may shake our heads at that, but the truth is that every day men and women give up things far more valuable than money could buy for something that is ultimately worthless.

When a woman sacrifices her integrity to steal from her employer to be able to buy something she wants or a man sacrifices his purity to commit immorality to satisfy his lust, something of great worth is being given up for something very cheap. **This is a clear indication of misplaced values.** When parents ignore their children's need to further a career (or even a ministry), they are giving up something that cannot be regained for the sake of something that will not last.

1. Geld is God sin

Baie mense wil God nie in hul finansies inbring nie. sommige dink geld is 'n wereldse sisteem wat besmet is. Geld is verseker besmet, maar ons gedagtes en geldgierigheid meer. Geld is God sin en nie ons sin nie.

Ps 24:1 'n PSALM van Dawid. Die aarde behoort aan die Here en die volheid daarvan, die wêreld en die wat daarin woon; '

Wanneer God met jou finansies werk is dit nie meer besmet nie.

2. Geld moet bestuur word

Indien ons verstaan dat die geld nie ons sin is nie, maar God is die Eienaar, verstaan ons die rol van Sy geld en besittings. Van die begin af het God mense in beheer van Sy goed gesit. God sê vir Adam in **Genesis 1:28** - 'En God het hulle geseën, en God het vir hulle gesê: Wees vrugbaar en vermeerder en vul die aarde, onderwerp dit en heers oor die visse van die see en die voëls van die hemel en oor al die diere wat op die aarde kruip. '

Jesus praat in Matt 6 soos die Eienaar van 'n onderneming, met Sy onderdane. Die Bybelse woord vir bestuur is **Rentmeesterdkap**. Dit beteken iemand wat iets bestuur van iemand anders. **Dit is soos 'n trustee van 'n boedel....** Dit behoort nie aan die trustee nie, maar hul bestuur iemand anderste se goed.

Omdat ons slegs bestuurder van God se goed is, offer ons God:

- **'n Oop hand.** 'n eienaar het regte en n bestuurder het verantwoordelikheid. God het die reg tot wat Hy wil hê
- **'n Oop gedagte-** elke spanderings besluit is 'n geestelike besluit. Gee.
- **Oop bankstaat/tjekboek** – rentmeesterskap kan nie vervals word nie. jou state sal jou belange bewys.

3. Geld is 'n middel

Ons is altyd besorg oor hoeveel geld het ons vir aftrede. Hoeveel in die bank. Vir God is dit nie belangrik hoeveel geld ons het of hoeveel ons oor het nie. vir Hom gaan dit oor hoe ons dit aangewend het.

Matt 6:33 – soek eers die koninkryk van God...

4. Geld moet weggee word

Geld is 'n artiek, 'n stukkie gereedskap, is 'n toets. **Hoe kan jy die mag wat geld oor jou het breek?** GEE DIT WEG.

Daar is groter mag as geld en dit is om dit weg te gee. French sociologist Jacques Ellul explains, **“There is one act par excellence which profanes money by going directly against the law of money, an act for which money is not made. This act is giving.”**

Dink daaroor na. Hoe kry jy meer energie in jou lewe? U spandeer energie. U gee dit weg deur oefening. Hoe kry u beheer oor sonde? U loop weg van sonde. U gee die plesier op en sodoende kry u mag daaroor. So, hoe kry jy mag oor geld? Eenvoudig. U gee dit weg.

PLAAS GOD WEER EERSTE IN JOU LEWE GEDURENDE 2020

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“A father gave his little girl two dollars and said, “You can do anything you want with one of the dollars, but the other dollar belongs to God.”

With joy she ran to the candy store. On the way she tripped and one dollar fell into the storm drain. She got up and said, “Well Lord, there goes Your dollar.”

In 1995 the nation was stunned when news broke that an elderly woman named **Oseola McCarty** had donated **\$150,000** to the University of Southern **Mississippi** for their scholarship fund. This eighty-seven-year-old woman had been forced to drop out of school in the sixth grade to care for her family. For more than sixty years she made a living washing clothes for hire in Hattiesburg, Mississippi, saving as much as she could from her meager pay. She wanted others to have the opportunity for the education she never received, so she gave away the money she had saved for so many years.

Our society values how much a person has; God values how much a person gives. When Jesus watched the people giving in the Temple, He praised the widow who cast in just two mites (oortjies)—a fraction of a penny—because it represented such a sacrifice. Though money itself is not evil, loving money leads to all kinds of evil.

The best protection we have against the sorrows that come from loving money is to cultivate generous hearts. **Look for opportunities to use the resources God has given to you (even if they do not seem to be great) for the benefit of others. Rather than waiting until you have enough to give, be generous and give what you have to help others today.**

Source: Notable American Philanthropists, Robert T. Grimm