

The House of His Glory w/ ~Pastor D

MONEY

Many Christians believe that money is the root of all evil. But 1 Timothy 6:10 says the LOVE of money is the root of all evil. But then, many of those same Christians also believe that if you have material goods, or a "luxurious" lifestyle you have LOVE of money and they assume you are serving mammon – or your money as your master. But Matthew 6:24 (& Luke 16:13) are talking about having a Spirit of mammon (not having money). And a Spirit of mammon is one of greed; materialism and financial selfishness.

Money is a tool. It is neutral. And God wants you to have it; and is willing to provide it – in abundance if necessary for you to have all sufficiency for all your needs; as well as provide for others and increase your righteous acts in the Kingdom of God. (2 Corinthians 9:8 & 10)

Ecclesiastes 10:19 says "Money answers all things" So how does the bible address our money compared to what the world says about it? Well, in both there are specific ways to acquire money, uses for it and reasons for it to "go out." But the lists vary in priority between the two. This is the PRIORITIZED comparison:

BIBLICALLY MONEY IN:

1. Giving
2. Inheritance
3. Working

WORLDLY MONEY IN:

1. Working
2. Investments
3. Inheritance

BIBLICAL SAVING IS FOR:

1. Adding to an inheritance
2. Providing for an investment

WORLDLY SAVING IS FOR:

1. Adding to your income
2. Providing for Self or "Emergencies"

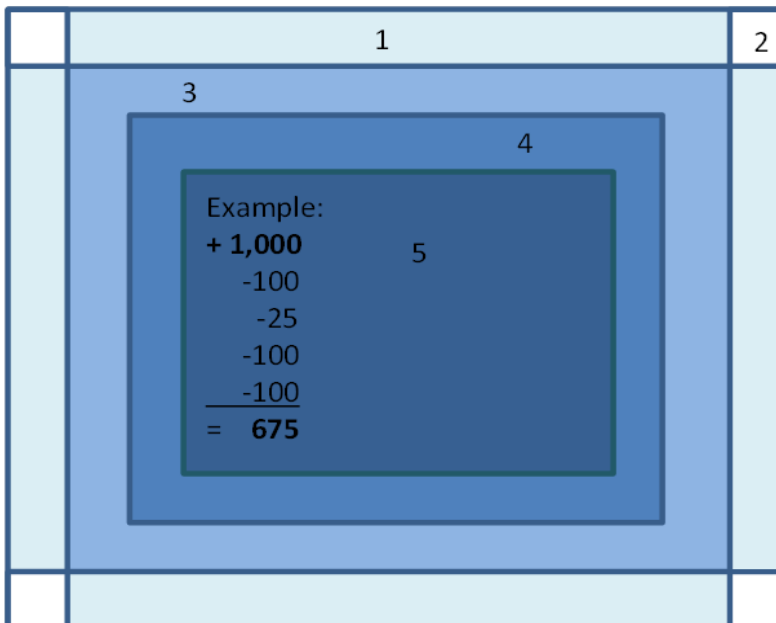
BIBLICALLY MONEY OUT:

1. Giving
2. Saving
3. Spending

WORLDLY MONEY OUT:

1. Spending
2. Investments
3. Saving

In the world, we work for our livelihood and giving is viewed as non-income producing drain on your income. But biblically, we are to give for our livelihood and work in order to give. Giving is the income generating model based upon an agricultural system. This chart represents this model – it is your field or land of crops (income):



- 1 = 10 % Firstfruit of the whole (Tithe)
- 2 = 1/4 of the Tithe given to the poor
- 3 = 10 % as Seed (for the next harvest)
- 4 = 10% saved as investment/inheritance
- 5 = The balance was for your needs; which included your own household as well as selling and using the income to supplement your needs and as profit.

The understanding was that in giving the 10% God gave the return in your profit and in the blessings and favor you received from others from your #2 alms. You worked to give & giving gives profit.