

God Gave Us Treasures

Timothy, Proverbs, Luke, Malachi

Discern the Need

- **Warning:**

- **Bible addresses money**

- **Sermons on money make us tense**

Embrace the Word

- **Principle #1: Money is a Powerful Force** (1 Timothy 6:10)
 - 1) “Money is a sign of God’s Blessing” → Wrong—Jesus warned...

 - 2) “Money is a necessary evil”

- Proverbs 28:6—*Better the poor person who lives with integrity than the rich one who distorts right and wrong.*
 - Money isn’t the issue

- **Principle #2: Money Expands and Limits Our Options** (Proverbs 22:7)
 - Debt creates a Master/Slave relationship

 - A Slave may want to Give/Serve/Grow

 - Debt can harm relationships

 - When you’re a slave you don’t have as many options—Cannot enjoy Opportunity/Generosity

- **Principle #3: Money Must Be Managed** (Proverbs 27:23; Luke 14:28-30)
 - Stewardship Is Not Tithing/Offering/Giving
 - Managing God’s _____ for God’s _____
 - Diligence to how we handle Money/Wealth

- A plan must be developed or end will be folly

- **Principle #4: Money is the Only Area in Which God Called Us to Test Him** (Malachi 3:10)
 - Gallup Poll

 - Money is the only area in the Bible God tells us to put Him to the test

Engage the Truth

- **HiWay**—
 - I want to see
 - I want to move Normal
 - For 10 weeks

- **Imagine If**
 - 9-week study we are going to do together

- **Larry Burkett**—“Show me your checkbook, and I’ll show you your priorities.”
 - The Checkbook is a little window into the _____

- **Our Amazing Journey Together**—*Imagine If!*
 - We are going to see some amazing changes in Families and Lives