

## 4 FINANCES

### A Review of Biblical Financial Principles Taught at Valley Bible Church

Philippians 4.10-19 (March 2003)

- The heart desire of knowing Christ better (3.7-11) resulted in being content in every financial circumstance for Paul.
- The Philippians exemplified managing money as righteous people. By giving sacrificially they were storing up treasure in heaven, not on earth.
- The Philippians experienced the joy of knowing Christ better because giving was better to give.

5 Options for use of short-term finances (Jan. 6-7/Feb. 10-11, 2001)

- Taxes – paying taxes honors God (Mt. 22.15-22)
- Debt – debt can lead to enslavement (Prov. 22.7)
- Savings – moderate priority with God: encouraged but not commanded (Prov. 6.6-8)
- Support Lifestyle Choices – supporting basic needs of family is a high priority with God (Thes. 4.11-12) – supplying wants is a low priority with God (1 Tim. 6.7-8)
- Giving – generously, sacrificially, cheerfully (1 Cor. 13.1-2) – to earthly and spiritual family members in need (1 Tim. 5.8) – to the church, those who minister to our spiritual needs (1 Cor. 9.14)

### Finances and Marriage: Advantages of Living Out A Plan and a Budget Together

Share the joy of working together for God's glory

Both: in conversation, encourage each other by being content with food covering and not complaining or highly valuing wants

Both: choose to subject your will to God

Husband: effectively provide for your family and their future by choosing a biblical plan

Wife: faithfully support your husband's leadership by implementing and overseeing the plan

Husband: better facilitate your wife enjoying the good things God provides by making the best use of money

Husband: work heartily for the Lord and for the provisions of your family

Wife: be a suitable helper by effectively managing household supplies

Husband of a working wife: share in the burden of household duties, care for your wife

Working wife: be thankful for the opportunity to help your husband by working

Both: go through the storms of difficulty together and undistracted focus on the goal of serving / trusting God

Husband: cheerfully work at the job God has provided

Wife: cheerfully do the work at home/job God has planned for you

Both: work together to give to those in need and to church

Husband: appreciate and be thankful for your wife's work to be a doer of the Word

Wife: appreciate and be thankful for your husband's work to be a doer of the Word.

Husband: encourage your wife by showing her truth from the Word regarding the family finances

Husband: help your wife make progress in putting off sin and putting on righteousness in related areas

Husband: strengthen your wife with the Hope from God's Word

Wife: encourage your husband by showing him truth from the Word regarding family finances, leaving the conclusion of how to apply it to him

Wife: find ways to support, pray for, and respectfully encourage your husband to make progress in being a doer of the Word

Wife: strengthen your husband with the ~~Hope~~ God's Word

Husband: rejoice in the blessing of being able to trust a faithful wife

Wife: may enjoy the responsibility of overseeing budget, cash flow investments

Wife: rejoice in the blessing of being provided for by a faithful husband

Both: enjoy the blessing of sharing a life of God's type of love

Both: enjoy the long term benefits of savings

Both: enjoy the bond of oneness that comes from consistent labor to God

Both: enjoy the contentment of fulfilling the important duties God has for you

What must you do differently to enjoy such a life of blessing?

See Appendix 1: Hope From God's Word

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