

# Dig-A-Little-Deeper

## What's In Your Wallet?

### Dollar Bills—Money Management or Money Managed?

- Monday** Money is a touchy subject but not one that the Bible shies away from. It is referenced in close to 3000 verses – more than love, Heaven, and even Jesus. Read the Biblical view of money in I Timothy 6:6-10. Ask God how He feels about your lifestyle of money management. Listen to Him as you read this passage again.
- Tuesday** In I Timothy 6:17-19 we are challenged to lead generous lifestyles both in deed and in resources. Throughout the Bible, God teaches that we must live generously in order to enjoy blessings. Spend some time seeking what God would have you do in developing a lifestyle that fits this passage. Ask Him to show you how He wants you to give.
- Wednesday** Look at II Corinthians 9:6,7 and see the principle for systematic giving that God lays out. He expects us to be consistent rather than erratic in our giving and says that He will bless our lives for that. What is to keep you from testing God in this area over the next month? Apply this Scripture and challenge Him in prayer. Watch what He does.
- Thursday** On Sunday we outlined the principle for living a Generous Lifestyle within our means. This is the 80/10/10 principle. For example, I would give the first 10% of my gross income back to God to bless others, save the next 10% for emergency/luxury/future, and then live off of 80%. Let God know your honest thoughts about this idea. Ask Him to lead you toward what He would have you do. Look at Genesis 4:2-5 concerning Able who gave his first fruits back to God and Cain who gave what was available.
- Friday** In Matthew 6:19-24, Jesus challenges us by saying that we cannot serve both Him and money. We will either have to choose one or the other and take a chance for blessings from each. Spend some time in prayer and meditation. Evaluate your relationship with both God and money and how you trust each to bless your life.
- Saturday** Most of us fail to be generous because we worry that we will not have enough money for our needs. This is a legitimate worry. We need to provide for our families. Jesus teaches us how to handle this worry when it comes to money management in Matthew 6:25-34. What is your worry factor? What is keeping you from trusting God to take care of your finances? Tell Him about it and then spend some time in silence. Listen for His answers!

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