

Myth #9: Spiritual Churches DON'T Talk About \$Money\$

Two Reasons Money Is a Spiritual Topic

- 1) You are a minister, and money is one of your primary resources**
- 2) Your stewardship of money is a primary expression of your values.**

Four Principles of Biblical Stewardship

1. All We Have Comes From God

1Cor. 4:7 What do you have that you did not receive?

James 1:17 Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights...

Luke 14:33 Any of you who does not give up everything he has cannot be my disciple.

2. Practice contentment and stay anchored in Kingdom values

1Tim. 6:6-10... godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that. People who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap.... For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil.

Eccl. 5:19. When God gives any man wealth and possessions, and enables him to enjoy them— this is a gift of God.

1Chr. 4:10 Jabez cried out to the God of Israel, “Oh, that you would bless me and enlarge my territory! Let your hand be with me, and keep me from harm...” So God granted his request.

Matt. 6:32-33.... the pagans run after [material things], and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. But *seek first* his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

Matt. 6:19 -21.“Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Mk 10:29-30. I tell you the truth... no one who has left home or [family] or fields for me and the gospel will fail to receive a hundred times as much in this present age... and in the age to come...

3. God's Economic Plan:

Blessed-> Bless Others -> More Blessed

2 Cor 9:6-8 Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously....And God is able to make all grace abound to you, *so that* in all things at all times, having all that you need, *you will abound in every good work.*

Matt. 25:21 “His master replied, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master’s happiness!’”

4. Giving is an Act of Loving Discipleship

2 Cor. 9:7 Each person should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

2Cor. 8:7-9 ...just as you excel in everything — see that you also excel in this grace of giving. I am not commanding you, but I want to test the sincerity of your love... For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich.

1Cor. 16:2 On the first day of every week,
each one of you should set aside a sum of
money in keeping with his income, saving
it up...

