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THE CHRISTIAN AND HIS WORLDVIEW

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Introduction to the Text:

Acts 17:28

Acts 17:28 NKJV

For in Him we **live** and **move** and have our **being**,

Well here we are – we’re coming down to the wire
of what will no doubt be the most important presidential election to date.

And if you’re a Christian you understand more than anyone else why praying and voting and praying again is all important due to the fact that many moral, cultural and biblical issues are before us in this election.

But if you’re not a Christian – then everything you’re hearing about is in regards to the economy. “We’ve got to turn the economy around.”

The economy is not the issue. The stock market is not the issue. More taxes or less taxes is not the issue – all of these are important in their proper order.

**The Issue is GOD – even for those who do not believe in God –
the issue is GOD.**

During the 1st century church age, the Greek influence
was the prevailing influence in the western world. The Roman Empire may have been the world’s governing empire but it was the worship of the Greek gods that made life what life was – messed up!

Because the Greeks believed that if you could appease

the gods then fortune and favor and blessings would be yours as long as you didn't upset the gods.

And because of abuses in the name of religion or Christianity – people have had a bitter taste in their mouths regarding money.

*That's very convenient for those who don't want to give.
It's also a call to all those who do want to be wise, prayerful
and worshipful about giving.*

I think Satan has been and is winning the war on this issue of money.

The reason why I think so is because "Money" has become a 5 letter "dirty" word.

Of course the world can use money and do with money what it wants. But the Christian and the Church is gripped by fear and speculation about what others might think if they even bring up the word.

Acts 17:28 NKJV

For in Him we **live** and **move** and have our **being**,

Live zaꞥw **zao**, dzah'-o; to be given life. To receive life. To be quickened.

Move kine÷w **kineo**, kin-eh'-o; to be stirred or aroused or awakened.

Being ejsme÷n **2emen**, es-men'; existence of personality, our individuality.

OUR BIBLICAL WORLD VIEW AND MONEY

DEVELOPING A BIBLICAL WORLDVIEW IN A HOSTILE WORLD

1.) Money and its dangers

1 Timothy 6:9-11

But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and *into* many foolish and harmful lusts which drown men in destruction and perdition. **:10** For the love of money is a root of all *kinds of* evil, for which some have strayed from the faith in their greediness, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows. **:11** But you, O man of God, flee these things and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, gentleness.

CHILDREN OF A LESSER GOD

Proverbs 23:5

Will you set your eyes on that which is not? For riches certainly make themselves wings; They fly away like an eagle toward heaven.

2 Corinthians 9:6-8

But this I say: He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. :7 So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver. :8 And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work.

MAMMON IS A HARD TASKMASTER

It can bring out the worst in people

Jeremiah 17:11 NIV

Like a partridge that hatches eggs *it did not lay* is the man who gains riches by unjust means. When his life is half gone, they will desert him, and in the end he will prove to be a fool.

It Causes Bitterness and Anxiety

Ecclesiastes 5:10,12 NIV

Whoever loves money never has money enough; whoever loves wealth is never satisfied with his income., :12 The sleep of a laborer is sweet, whether he eats little or much, but the abundance of a rich man permits him no sleep.

Here Solomon argues that a **covetous** person never derives enjoyment from his wealth (v. 10) because his increased **wealth** merely brings him increased **anxiety** (v. 12b).

Luke 12:16-21

Then He spoke a parable to them, saying: "The ground of a certain rich man yielded plentifully. :17 And he thought within himself, saying, "What shall I do, since I have no room to store my crops?" :18 So he said, "I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build greater, and there I will store all my crops and my goods. :19 And I will say to my soul, "Soul, you have many goods laid up for many years; take your ease; eat, drink, *and* be merry." ' :20 But God said to him, "Fool! This night your soul will be required of you; then whose will those things be which you have provided?" :21 "So is he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God."

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2.) Money and its benefits

BIBLICAL WEALTH MANAGEMENT

Galatians 6:6-10

Let him who is taught the word share in all good things with him who teaches. :7 Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap. :8 For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life. :9 And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart. :10 Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith.

A VERY POWERFUL AND USEFUL VERSE LITTLE APPLIED.

Luke 16:9 NLT

Use your worldly resources to benefit others and make friends. Then, when your earthly possessions are gone, they will welcome you to an eternal home.

The Benefits of Money Used Wisely

In Worship

Mark 12:41-44

Now Jesus sat opposite the treasury and saw how the people put money into the treasury. And many *who were* rich put in much. :42 Then one poor widow came and threw in two mites, which make a quadrans. :43 So He called His disciples to *Himself* and said to them, "Assuredly, I say to you that this poor widow has put in more than all those who have given to the treasury; :44 for they all put in out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty put in all that she had, her whole livelihood."

In Service

Matthew 25:14-30

Matthew 25:15

And to one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one, to each according to his own ability; and immediately he went on a journey.

In Relief

Luke 10:33-35

But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was. And when he saw him, he had compassion. :34 So he went to *him* and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine; and he set him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. :35 On the next day, when he departed, he took out two denarii, gave *them* to the innkeeper, and said to him, "Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, when I come again, I will repay you.'

In Kingdom Building

2 Corinthians 9:10-11

Now may He who supplies seed to the sower, and bread for food, supply and multiply the seed you have sown and increase the fruits of your righteousness, :11 while you are enriched in everything for all liberality, which causes thanksgiving through us to God.

1. *What does our culture think about money?*
2. *What does God think about money?*
3. *What do you think about money?*

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3.) Money and its negatives

The 10th Commandment (horizontal)

Exodus 20:17

"You shall not **covet** your neighbor's house; you shall not **covet** your neighbor's wife, nor his male servant, nor his female servant, nor his ox, nor his donkey, nor anything that is your neighbor's."

Ephesians 5:3,5

But fornication and all uncleanness or **covetousness**, let it not even be named among you, as is fitting for saints; (*Christians do not have sex outside of marriage nor do they lust for stuff*) :5 For this you know, that no fornicator, unclean person, **nor covetous man, who is an idolater**, has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God. (*Will not be in heaven*)

Colossians 3:5-6

Therefore put to death your members which are on the earth: fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desire, and **covetousness, which is idolatry**. :6 Because of these things the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience.

Achin. A son of disobedience

Joshua 7:21

When I saw among the spoils a beautiful Babylonian garment, two hundred shekels of silver, and a wedge of gold weighing fifty shekels, I coveted them and took them. And there they are, hidden in the earth in the midst of my tent, with the silver under it.”

~~“It was some clothes. Some silver, some gold, some stuff”~~

The wrong estimation of money can provide a “sugar-rush” blessing that results in a crash.

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4.) Money and its positives

Luke 16:13

“No servant can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon.”

Ecclesiastes 5:19-20 NIV

Moreover, when God gives any man wealth and possessions, and enables him to enjoy them, to accept his lot and be happy in his work — this is a gift of God. :20 He seldom reflects on the days of his life, because God keeps him occupied with gladness of heart.

1Timothy 6:6-8

Now godliness with contentment is great gain. :7 For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. :8 And having food and clothing, with these we shall be content.

SO WHAT SHOULD BE THE CHRISTIAN'S WORLDVIEW ON MONEY?

- #1** – Recognize that it's a gift from God **#2** – It's a gift to be re-gifted. **#3** – It's a tool for building God's Kingdom. **#4** – It's to be put into use **#5** – It's to be managed with fear. **#6** – It's to be passed over and into faithful hands. **#6** – Be faithful to your local church **#7** Be praying and seeking every opportunity to invest in kingdom efforts.

WARNING – LIVING TRUSTS & WILLS

You are to never leave resources (money) to an unfaithful, irresponsible, godless child or children or organization. – Never. Because it's God's money not yours and He never blesses wickedness or disobedience.

Psalm 119:36

Incline my heart to Your testimonies, And not to covetousness. **:37 Turn away my eyes** from looking at worthless things, *And* revive me in Your way.

Proverbs 11:24-26 NIV

One man gives freely, yet gains even more; another withholds unduly, but comes to poverty. **:25** A generous man will prosper; he who refreshes others will himself be refreshed. **:26** People curse the man who hoards grain, but blessing crowns him who is willing to sell.

Luke 6:38

Give, and it will be given to you: good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over will be put into your bosom. For with the same measure that you use, it will be measured back to you."

Matthew 6:33

But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.

>>> **The Cross, The Christ, The Call** <<<

End of Study

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