

Sunday School Lesson for the Month of October 2018

Discipleship Through Biblical Stewardship

Sundays, October 7, 14, 2018

The ability to handle financial matters is directly related to ability to handle spiritual matters. Money is one of life's greatest factors of motivation and control. To fail to look to God's word for guidance in this area would indeed be foolish. God provides a way to freedom from contemporary financial pressure and worry.

The same principles that allow individual financial freedom can and must be applied to the body as a whole if the church is to experience true freedom and power in proclaiming the gospel to the uttermost.

I. The Biblical Pattern

- A. The call to disciple persons. (*Matthew 28:18-20*)
- B. The tithe is God's eternal principle for financing His Work.
- C. The offering is above the tithe as God prospers, and as a person purposes in his heart.
- D. Christians have always assembled on the first day and there laid aside their tithes and offerings. (*1 Corinthians 16:2*)
- E. God's work is to be financed by God's people giving; not by law, but cheerfully out of a heart of love. (*2 Corinthians 9:7*)
- F. The Faith-trust principle (*2 Corinthians 9:*) Faith-trust is simply trusting God for the amount you should give to the gospel over and above the tithe.

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II. Total Commitment to abide by God's financial principles allows freedom to develop maturity as a church.

- A. Allows God to guide a church.
- B. Allows God to strengthen faith as a church.
- C. Common goals and direction provide a strong unifying factor.
(*2 Corinthians 8:1-7*)

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III. In Return, God gives us the freedom and power to effectively spread the gospel.

- A. Corporate discernment in the dispersing of God's money.
- B. The power of a balanced ministry has world-wide effect.
- C. Freedom from accusation by system of checks and balances.
- D. Money becomes translated into programs.

Stewardship is our loving obedience to the will of God. Our God wills our best. So it is to our best interest and advantage to give in loving obedience to the will of God.