

Biblical Sequential Priorities



Making Wise Financial Choices

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What's really important?

- **Misplaced Priorities brings God's judgment**
– *Haggai 1:1-15*

Refocusing our Priorities

- Haggai – a prophet sent to warn the people
- Could you have wrong Priorities and have the wrong focus?
- Too busy working and raising a family?

Consequences:

- Frustration! – Never really satisfied
- There's a cause to their problems
- Nothing was working out for them
- Sound like anyone you know?

- **Forgotten or Neglected
Priorities also brings God's
judgment**

– *Luke 12:19-21*

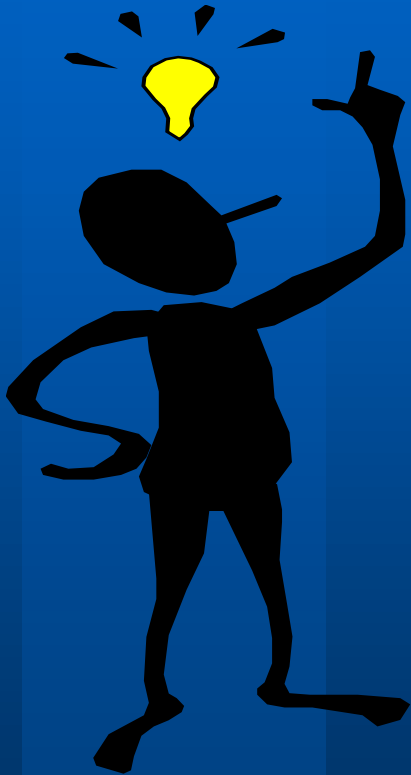
● The Solution:

Be humble and obey. *Josh 1:8*

- God resists the Proud – 1 Peter 5:5
- “To him that knows to do good, and does it not, to him it is sin” – James 4:17
- They rededicated themselves to God
- God stirred their hearts and empowered them

- **Their Priorities were wrong!**
 - The people focused on their wants and desires
 - God touched their pocketbooks
 - They had money problems
- **Let's examine some financial Priorities found in the Bible**

Here's a Principled System



- Five timeless truths to provide a structure on which to “hang” concepts
- Helps decision process become sequential
- Gives principled guidelines on handling 100% of my money

Five Timeless Truths

❖ Timeless truth #1

- **God is a God of order, sequence and priority**
 - Gen 1
 - I Cor 14:40
 - Proverbs 24:27

Five Timeless Truths

❖ Timeless truth #2

- The family is the foundation stone of God's plan for mankind
 - Gen 2
 - I Tim 5:8
 - Deut. 6:4ff

Five Timeless Truths

❖ Timeless truth #3

- **God wants our life choices to bring glory to Him**

– Gen 6 – Numbers

– I Cor 10:31

– I Pet 2:15

Five Timeless Truths

❖ Timeless truth #4

- **God wants His people to help those who are less fortunate**
 - Ex – Deut: Levitical, festival, charity
 - James 2:15-17
 - I John 3:17-18

Five Timeless Truths

❖ Timeless truth #5

- **God wants to bless His people who obey**

- Deut 6 – 8

- I Tim 6:17

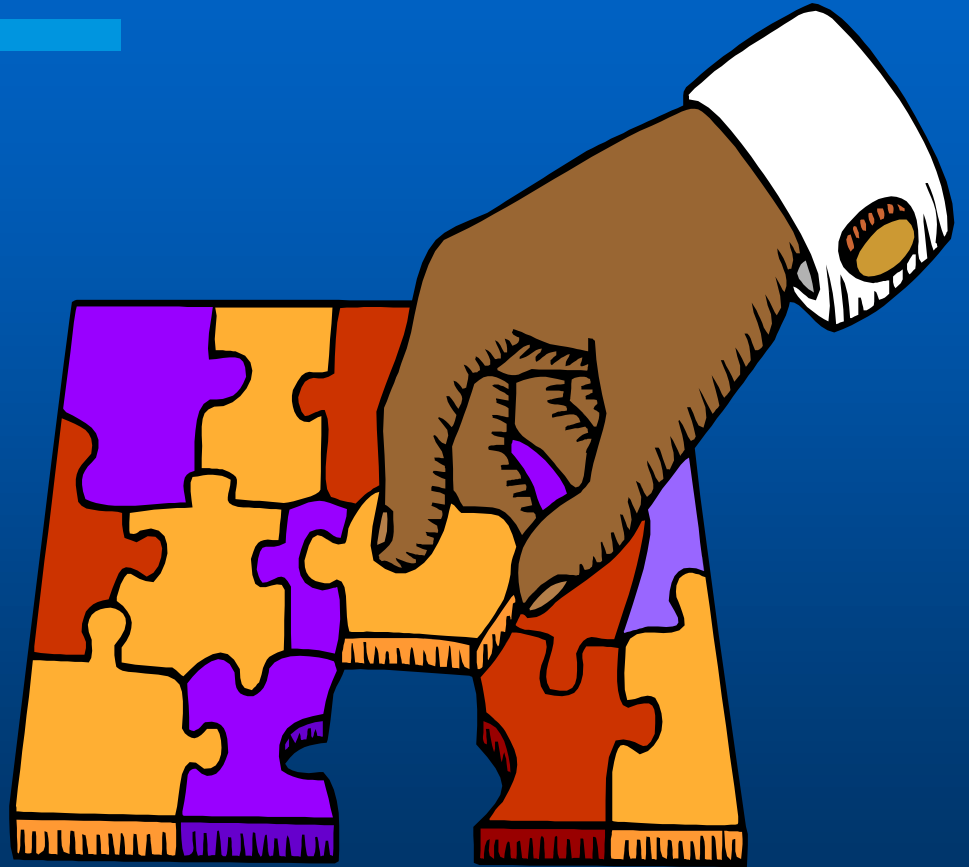
- Rev 21:7

Five Timeless Truths

1. **God is a God of order, sequence and priority**
2. **The family is the foundation stone of God's plan for mankind**
3. **God wants our life choices to bring glory to Him**
4. **God want His people to help those less fortunate**
5. **God wants to bless those who obey**

Overlay Financial Application

- Giving
- Saving
- Spending
- Offerings
- Luxuries



Application #1 - Giving

- Returning to the Lord that which is His is the **FIRST** financial priority and privilege
 - Prov 3:9
 - Lev 27:30
 - II Cor 8:5
- Remember;
 - *“God is a God of order, sequence and priority”*

Tithing isn't the ceiling of giving; it's the floor. It's not the finish line of giving; it's just the starting blocks.

Tithes can be the training wheels to launch us into the mind-set, skills, and habits of grace giving.

Ironically, many people can't afford to give precisely because they're not giving (Haggai 1:9-11).

If we pay our debt to God first, then we will incur His blessing to help us pay our debts to men.

Application #2 - Saving

- **Setting aside to protect one's family is the SECOND financial priority and privilege**
 - Pr 21:20
 - Pr 15:6
 - I Tim 5:8
- **Remember**
 - *“The family is the foundation stone of God's plan for mankind”*

Application #3 – Spending

- Being timely, honest and just with creditors is the **THIRD** financial priority and privilege
 - Ps 37:21
 - Rom 13:7a
 - I Thes 4:11-12
- Remember
 - *“God wants our life choices to bring glory to Him”*

Application #4 - Offerings

- Being mindful and generous towards the needs of others is the **FOURTH** financial priority and privilege
 - Gal 2:10
 - I Cor 16:2-3
 - II Cor 8:14
- Remember
 - *“God wants His people to help those who are less fortunate”*

Don't be Stingy

God says, "If a man shuts his ears to the cry of the poor, he too will cry out and not be answered" (Proverbs 21:13).

In Isaiah 58:6-10, God says that His willingness to answer our prayers is directly affected by whether we are caring for the hungry, needy, and oppressed. Want to empower your prayer life? Give.

Purpose of Prosperity:

God prospers me not to raise my standard of living, but to raise my standard of giving.

Application #5 - Luxuries

- Rightfully enjoying God's faithful provision is the **FIFTH** priority and privilege
 - Job 42:12
 - I Tim 6:17
 - I Cor 4:7
- Remember
 - *“God wants to bless His people who obey”*

Choosing to be rich toward God
demonstrates wise stewardship
and is a testimony to the world

Conclusion

“for we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad.”

II Cor. 5:10

*“ it is required in
stewards, that they be
found faithful. ”*

I Corinthians 4:2



**Plan to be here for every
session:**

Tonight at 6pm

**Monday & Tuesday evening
at 7pm**

TOMORROW NIGHT



2 sessions beginning at 7pm

- **1st - Review of Financial Instruments**

- Savings options
- Investing – (*basics*)
- College Planning
- Insurance

- **2nd – Retirement Income Planning**

- Finding a Financial Advisor
- Long-term Nursing Insurance
- Tax Planning
- Investing – (*more detailed*)