

GOD'S MONEY: ENJOY IT CAREFULLY... OR ELSE

1 Timothy 6:17-19, Colossians 2:16-23

February 24, 2019

I. Don't enjoy God's money too _____. – v. 17a

III. Enjoy God's money _____. – v. 6, 18-19

II. Don't enjoy God's money too _____. – v. 17b

**I CAN ENJOY GOD'S MONEY AS A _____ OF
_____ GOD RATHER THAN MISSING GOD.**

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JANUARY 6, 2019

SMALL GROUP APPLICATION QUESTIONS

God gives us everything to enjoy, just not more than we enjoy Him.

1. REVIEW THE SERMON

Read 1 Timothy 6:6-10, 17-19 and Colossians 2:16-23. What are the two ditches on either side of the road of enjoying what God gives us? Why is it important for believers to steer clear of both ditches? How does enjoying God's provision relate to our relationship with God himself?

2. ASSESS YOUR LIFE

Enjoying God's money carefully (not too much or too little) is a delicate balance that depends more on the heart of the individual than any external measurements. Use the following questions to assess your own heart and thinking in this area.

When making a spending decision, my attitude is:

- A) I do what I feel like doing. B) If I can afford it, I do it.
C) Think it over carefully before spending. D) Don't spend unless it is an emergency.

When I spend extra money on something fun, I:

- A) Feel guilty. B) Wonder if I should have done that.
C) Am grateful. D) Feel I deserve it.



I fear that if I spend extra money for something fun now, I won't have enough for later.

- A) Always B) Most of the time C) Sometimes D) Never

If I see another Christian spending a lot of money on entertainment or fun, I think...

- A) That's wrong B) I wouldn't do that.
C) Good for them. D) I need what they have.

My philosophy of saving is:

- A) Save every extra penny. B) Save enough to meet my goals
C) Get what I need and save whatever is left. D) What is a savings account?

I use money to bless others:

- A) All of my money goes to the benefits of others.
B) Whenever I can.
C) I look for opportunities to bless others.
D) My money is for me. They are on their own.

I think about how my spending decisions will be viewed by other people:

- A) Always B) Sometimes C) Rarely D) Never

When I have money left over after paying my monthly bills, I normally...

- A) Save it all. B) Spend some, save most.
C) Save some, spend most. D) Spend it all.



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If a good friend knew how much money I spent on entertainment, food, and fun they would...

- A) Think I'm too cheap.
- B) See it as healthy amount.
- C) Ask me if I could afford it.
- D) Tell me I'm out of control.

When I make financial decisions, I am anxious about doing the right thing:

- A) Very often
- B) Sometimes
- C) Rarely
- D) Never

I buy things I want or desire on credit because I can't afford it:

- A) Very often
- B) Sometimes
- C) Rarely
- D) Never

God loves for His children to enjoy His glorious gifts. It brings His heart joy and, when done correctly, their hearts joy as well. If you struggle in this area, God is lovingly and graciously waiting to help you walk with God-honoring enjoyment. Turn to Him.

What did the above assessment reveal to you about your approach to enjoying what God provides? What grade (A-F) would God give you on how you are enjoying His money?



If you're married, how are you and your spouse different and alike when it comes to money? In what ways have those differences produced strength or weakness in your marriage? If you are single, where did you learn your approach to enjoying money? How has your approach to enjoying money changed over your lifetime and why?

How have the principles in this series helped you grow in your understanding and ability to steward your finances for God's glory? What are your biggest take-aways?

3. APPLY THE TRUTH

Is there any area of your life where your enjoyment of material things is leading you to love God less rather than more? If so, how can you correct this?

4. COMMIT THIS WEEK

Write down one practical step you will take to enjoy God more through what He provides.

