ISSUES IN THE HOME BIBLE LESSONS

LESSON #6: God's Financial Plan

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The Bible has a lot to say about money. 40% of Jesus' recorded stories deals with money including the Parable of the Talents (Matthew 25:15-26). What does 1 Timothy 6:10 say about money? _____

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To balance the equation, the wise man Solomon says "Money answereth all things" Ecclesiastes 10:19. In addition to faithful returns of tithe and free will offering, saving and investing and giving to the poor and needy, the Bible tells us that in our attempt to get money – we must not love money more than people and we must not love money more than God.

I. Wise Use of Resources

When we acquire money, there are 3 things we must bear in mind:
1. What we must do, 2. What we should do and 3. What we could do.
We must return a faithful tithe and offering.

Read Malachi 3:10, Leviticus 27:30-32 and Proverbs 3:9-10. _____

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We must also provide food for our families. We should pay our bills and we could plan a trip to the hotel once per year.

II. Last Day Money Woes

What are some last day issues stated in the Bible regarding money?

- A weak dollar (Haggai 1:5-6)
- Collapse of financial systems (James 5:1-7)

Corruption, extortion and fraud are also mentioned.

Do you see money woes in your society? _____

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Prosperity is not just having more money but having your investment in the right place.

Read Deuteronomy 8:18, Psalm 116:14 _____

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III. God's Financial Plan

What does Matthew 19:6 say about sharing? _____

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Just as a couple shares their bodies as one flesh in the family, resources must be shared. This begins with making a budget that all those who are employed will contribute to. Read Luke 14:28-30 _____

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A. Have a budget plan
B. Invest wisely (Proverbs 4:7)
C. Save something (Proverbs 6:6-8)

The financial plan that exists in many homes today is overshadowed by selfishness. There is a "One Boss Plan" where one person controls the finances or a two-boss plan. God's intention, however, is that resources should be shared, and God must be first in our lives. What should our priority be? Read Matthew 6:33 _____
Listen to Jesus in Matthew 19:29 _____

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Jesus is making the same call to you today to put God first; to love Him more than money and to love people more than money.

Do you love Him? Are you willing to follow His plan in budgeting, in giving and saving and investing?

YES ☐ NO ☐

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