

# Apply The Word

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## Message Info

### Title:

Money to the Glory of God

### Speaker:

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### Scriptures:

Various Texts

**Theme:** Think biblically about money to glorify God.

**Introduction:** Everyone interacts with money continually, and Christians must talk about it. Some may think that church is for discussing spiritual things, not material things—which would exclude such things as money. However, the Bible makes no such distinction. Our relationship to material things always reflects a spiritual dimension as well (see 1 Cor. 10:31). It is important to examine what we do with money, since our Lord Jesus himself talks about money. What we think of and do with money says a lot about what we believe.

On Sunday, Peter gave two theological principles about money and an update on our Building Fund:

### 1. Material-Spiritual Connection

- Mankind is the only creation created in the image of God.
- God is spirit, but he did not just make us spirits; he makes us body and spirit, physical and spiritual.
- Greek philosophies taught that the spiritual was more important than the physical, leading either to asceticism or shallow self-indulgence.
- Christians should not despise the material world; we should see the connection between the material and spiritual.

### 2. Money's Purpose

- One of money's purposes is provision for family (1 Tim 5:8).
  - Provision is not simply bare sustenance; it also involves blessing (inheritance, investment, gift giving, etc)
- Money is also for giving, sharing with anyone in need (Eph. 4:28).
- Primarily, money is for honoring the Lord (Prov. 3:9).
  - Honoring the Lord with money requires a biblically-minded framework.
  - The Lord honors those who honor him.
- The tithe is a biblical principle that reflects our desire to honor the Lord.

### 3. Our Building Fund

- Our building loan term ends in February of 2032, and the Financial Review team came up with a plan for the church to pay it off by February 2032. It requires the church giving above their tithe and typical building giving to hit \$625,000 for two years. The first year, the giving goal was \$625,000. Year one giving was \$721,083, almost \$100,000 above the goal. This second year's giving goal is \$625,000 again.
- Paying off the building loan early means more money for gospel mission that glorifies God.

### Questions:

1. What would it look like for you to rightly steward the physical provisions God has given you (finances, spouse, children, work, etc)?
2. In what ways do you need to think more biblically about finances?
3. How can you glorify God with your finances?