

Anchoring your soul every day

Practical Finances from a Biblical Perspective

We know it can be so hard to find time each day to take care of your relationship with the Lord. We want to make it easier for you, if we can. We suggest taking one of these thoughts at a time, or even just do part of one, when you can. We hope this will help you experience the hope of your relationship with Jesus as your soul's anchor every day.

- ❖ Read Psalm 24:1 and James 1:16-17. Pastor Paul made the point that because God owns everything, we are only stewards of the things we have. How do these verses help you to see the biblical view of your bank accounts, your possessions, your/your husband's job, etc.?

How do your current attitude and actions compare with the biblical concept of stewardship? What, if anything, could you change to be more in line with Scripture's view in this area?

- ❖ Read Matthew 6:19-24 and Philippians 4:10-13. How do the ideas of not "serving" money as a kind of master and being content regardless of the size of your bank account go together?

Are you content with your circumstances? Take time to really evaluate this question; look at how you spend your money, time, energy.

- ❖ Read 2 Corinthians 9:6-15. This is a passage that has been badly misused by unscrupulous TV "preachers," but there are very important principles here for us to take to heart.
 - First, what is the attitude we are called to have when we give (see verse 7)?
 - Second, what is the purpose for which God has given us what He has (see verses 8-11)?
 - Third, what is the outcome when you give to others generously, especially in the context of the local church (see verses 12-15)?

Spend time in prayer, thanking God for all He has given you materially and spiritually. Ask Him to help you see your money, possessions, time, etc., as tools to help others and for sharing the Gospel. Ask Him to help you become even more generous, so that you can experience more of His grace and the joy that comes with obedience to Him.

