



Making Ends Meet

God's Plan for Financial Security

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What would you do if your financial advisor revealed a failure proof plan for financial security? How would you react if you were told that all of your needs would be provided for the rest of your life? What would you say if someone told you that you can be a part of an economy that will never have a deficit? As far-fetched as that may sound such an economy does exist.

In an economically unstable world God has revealed in His Word a financial plan that will never fail. He has given us principles, that if wisely applied, will bring us financial success. It will also help us avoid the pitfalls of unwise spending, ill-advised investing, and give us insight on how to prepare for a secure retirement.

God's financial plan goes a step further. It helps us to realize that God is the rightful owner of everything in heaven and in the earth. Following God's plan also changes our attitude about money and gives us wisdom to know how to help our neighbors and those in need.

When we follow God's system of giving we will also become cheerful givers. Our financial plans and successes are in the hands of our loving heavenly Father. As you study this outline you will discover that God has a banking system and an economy that helps us to live a balanced life in this world. You will also discover that *God's Plan for Financial Security* also comes with a *retirement plan* that's out of this world.

GOD'S RIGHT TO OWNERSHIP

- Genesis 1:1** - God created the heavens and the earth.
- Job 41:11** - God doesn't pay anyone, everything under heaven belongs to Him.
- Psalms 8:3** - The heavens, the moon, and the stars are the works of God's fingers.
- Psalms 19:1** - The heavens declare God's glory the firmament shows His handiwork.
- Psalms 24:1** - The earth and all that it contains belong to God.
- Psalms 50:10** - Every beast and the cattle on a thousand hills belongs to God.
- Psalms 50:12** - The world in all of its fullness belongs to God.
- Psalms 102:25** - God created the foundation of the world and the heavens.
- Haggai 2:8** - The silver and the gold belongs to the Lord.
- Deuteronomy 8:18** - God gives us power to get wealth.
- Ecclesiastes 5:19** - Wealth, riches, and power are gifts from God.
- 1 Timothy 6:7** - We brought nothing into the world and we carry nothing out.
- Acts 17:24** - God is the Lord of heaven and earth because He made everything.
- Acts 17:28** - We need God to live and to move and to have hope.
- Hebrews 1:10** - God laid the foundation of the earth and created the heavens.

OUR STEWARDSHIP TO GOD

- Genesis 14:20** - Abraham gave a tithe, one-tenth of his possessions to honor God.
- Leviticus 27:32** - A Tithe is equal to One-Tenth or one out of ten of our possessions
- Deuteronomy 14:22** - We are called to tithe on our increase each year.
- Proverbs 3:9** - We honor the Lord with our wealth and with the first of all our profits.
- Malachi 3:8** - We are not to rob God in our tithes and in our offerings.
- Malachi 3:9** - We bring a curse on ourselves when we fail to be faithful to God.
- Malachi 3:10** - God will bless abundantly when we give when we were worship.
- Malachi 3:11** - God will not allow the enemy to destroy our plans and investments.

GOD'S PROMISED BLESSINGS

- Psalms 1:3** - Those that are faithful to God will experience prosperity.
- Proverbs 11:24, 25** - Those that are generous in giving will be generously blessed.
- Matthew 6:33** - God will provide when we seek His kingdom and righteousness first.
- Luke 6:38** - The same measure that we give, will be the measure that we get.
- 2 Corinthians 9:7** - Don't give grudgingly or out of necessity, God loves a cheerful giver.
- Philippians 4:19** - God will supply all of our needs according to His riches in glory.

EXAMPLES OF STEWARDSHIP IN THE BIBLE

- Deuteronomy 8:11-18** - Remember that without God there are no blessings.
- Luke 12:15** - Do not be covetous, life does not consist in abundant possessions.
- Luke 12:16-20** - When we hoard our blessings we leave them behind when we die.
- Luke 12:21** - Store your treasures in heaven by faithfully giving to God's cause.
- Proverbs 22:7** - Avoid being in debt because the borrow is a servant of the lender.
- 1 Timothy 5:18** - The laborer is worthy of his hire don't expect things for free.
- 1 Corinthians 9:13** - Those that minister are to be supported by those for whom they labor.