

LESSON PLAN FOR THE FAITH FOR FINANCES SERIES
SERIES NO. 414

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It is possible that some of these lessons may take more than just one class period to complete. When you are teaching these lessons be sure and flow with the speed of the class. Some classes will need extra time for questions and answers, others may fully understand and you can progress rapidly. Don't worry about having to complete any lesson in just one sitting if extra, relevant, discussions arise.

Remember...your only purpose in teaching the Word of God to others is to help them to become strong disciples of Jesus Christ and to share His Spirit and Truth with others.

LESSON 1: TITHING AND GIVING

The New Testament, Spirit-Filled Believer's Position On Tithing And Giving

1. There are 48 references in the O.T. to the words tithe, tithing, tenth and first fruits that pertain to our subject.

Gen. 14:20	Deut. 18:4
Gen. 28:22	I Sam. 8:10-17
Ex. 23:16,19	II Chron. 31:5,12
Ex. 35:22,26	Neh. 10:35,38
Lev. 2:12,14	Neh. 12:44
Lev. 23:10,17,20	Neh. 13:5,12,31
Lev. 27:30-32	Pro. 3:9,10
Num. 18:12,21,24,26,28	Ezek. 44:30
Num. 28:26	Ezek. 48:14
Deut. 14:22,23 & 28	Amos 4:4
Deut. 26:10-12	Mal. 3:8-10
Deut. 12:5-19	

2. There are 9 references in the N.T. to these same words pertaining to our subject.

Matt. 23:23	Luke 18:10-12
Luke 11:42	Heb. 7:2-9

(NOTE: Rule No. 8 of CORRECT BIBLICAL INTERPRETATION: "The Old Testament does not contain any requirements or promises for us except those which have been clearly carried over in to the New Testament.")

3. The New Testament pattern for spirit-filled believers is clearly taught as simply "give"!

Matt. 5:42	Luke 19:8,9
Matt. 19:16-21	Luke 20:22-25
Matt. 22:17-21	Acts 20:35
Mark 10:21	I Cor. 16:1-3
Mark 12:14,15 (Same as Matt. 22:17-21)	II Cor. 8:1-24
Luke 6:30,38 (Verse 30 same as Matt. 5:42)	II Cor. 9:1-15
Luke 11:39-41	Eph. 4:28
Luke 12:31-34	I Tim. 6:17,18

4. New Testament warnings concerning a return to O.T. law in order to be justified.

Rom. 7:46
Rom. 8:14
Gal. 1:6-10; 2:4,5,14,16; 3:2,3,10-13,23,24; 4:9; 5:1,4; 6:6-10
Heb. 7:5

LESSON 2: GOD'S PROMISE OF PROSPERITY FOR THE BELIEVER

I. What God's Word says about material prosperity.

- A. The Word Bless, Blessed, Blessing(s), etc. appears in the Bible 518 times.
 - 1. Four different meanings in the Hebrew: Adoration to God, Benefit to man, to make Happy, and Prosper and Prosperity.
 - 2. Two different meanings in the Greek: Prosper and to be Well Off.
 - 3. In general, the words carry a meaning to man of blessing which includes to be happy, well-off, and to prosper, or be in prosperity.
- B. Deut. 8:18 God gives power to get wealth
- C. Deut. 28:1-14 Blessings for keeping the Word of God
- D. Deut. 29:9 Keep my words and prosper
- E. Deut. 30:19 I have set before you blessing and cursing; choose life.
- F. Josh. 1:8 Observe and do all I command and you will be prosperous
- G. Job 36:11 If we obey we'll prosper
- H. I Kings 2:3 Keep His Word and prosper in all you do
- I. I Sam. 2:7 The Lord can make one rich
- J. Psa. 1:2,3 Delight and meditate in His Word and you'll prosper.
- K. Psa. 1:19,20 Be willing and obedient and you'll eat the good of the land.
- L. Psa. 35:27 God has pleasure in the prosperity of His servant.
- M. Psa. 112:1-10 Blessings for a man that feareth the Lord
- N. Psa. 118:25 A prayer for prosperity
- O. Psa. 122:7 Peace and prosperity for you.
- P. Pro. 8:21 Those that love God will inherit substance and treasures
- Q. Pro. 10:4 A diligent man will become rich
- R. Pro. 10:22 The blessing of the Lord, it maketh rich
- S. Pro. 13:22 Material blessings to be passed on
- T. Pro. 15:6 The righteous will have much treasure
- U. Pro. 28:13 He that confesses and forsakes his sins shall prosper
- V. Pro. 28:20 A faithful man will abound with blessings.
- W. Ecc. 5:19 Riches and wealth can be a gift from God

II. People in the Old Testament that were prospered by God

- A. Gen. 13:2 Abraham
- B. Gen. 26;12,14 Isaac
- C. Gen. 33:11 Jacob
- D. Gen. 39:2,3 Joseph
- E. Ruth 2:1 Boaz
- F. Job 1:3 Job (also 31:35)
- G. I Kings 10:7 Solomon (Also I Kings 4:26-28)
- H. II Chron. 29:28 David
- I. I Kings 17:1-6 Elijah
- J. II Kings 4:1-7 Certain Woman
- K. I Kings 17:8-16 Widow Woman
- L. II Chron. 17:5 Jehoshaphat
- M. II Chron. 26:5 Uzziah
- N. II Chron. 32:27 Hezekiah

III. Is this blessing still for us in the New Testament?

- A. III John 2 I wish above all things that you may prosper...
- B. Matt. 6:33 ...all these things shall be added unto you.
- C. II Cor. 1:20 All the promises of God are ours through Christ Jesus.
- D. Phil. 4:19 My God shall supply all your needs by Christ Jesus.
- E. II Cor. 8:9 That we might be rich through his poverty.

IV. Warnings against the wrong use and motive of riches.

- A. Pro. 1:19 Riches can take away the life of the owners thereof.
- B. Pro. 1:32 The prosperity of fools shall destroy them.
- C. Pro. 11:28 A person will fall that trusts in riches.
- D. Pro. 15:16 Having a little material wealth and the Lord is better than treasure.
- E. Pro. 15:27 A person that is greedy for wealth will trouble his house.
- F. Pro. 16:8 It is better to have little with righteousness.
- G. Pro. 23:4 The purpose of our labor is not to get rich.
- H. Pro. 28:20 A person that is in a hurry to get rich will be guilty of sin.
- I. Psa. 37:16 A righteous man with little is better off than the riches of wicked.
- J. Psa. 52:7 God will destroy the man that trusts in his riches.
- K. Psa. 62:10 If riches increase don't let your heart trust in them.
- L. Ezek. 28:4-6 A man's heart can be lifted up because of his increase in riches.
- M. Dan. 11:1 Riches can cause a false strength that is not in God.
- N. Matt. 13:22 The deceitfulness of riches can choke the Word of God out of you.
- O. Luke 16:19-31 The rich man and Lazarus.
- P. Mark 10:17-22 Rich young ruler.
- Q. James 1:10-11 The Rich will fade away.
- R. Rev. 3:15-17 Riches could be a great influence towards lukewarmness in God.

V. How to start cooperating with God in order to receive his blessing of material things.

- A. A person must be a believer. John 3:3 Rom. 10:9,10
- B. Must be presently cleansed from sin. John 1:7
- C. Must be baptized with the Holy Spirit. Acts 1:4
- D. Must be led by the Holy Spirit. Rom. 8:14
- E. Must have a love relationship with God. John 14:15,21,23,24 15:4-6
I John 2:3-5
- F. When you pray for them, believe that you already have them. Matt. 7:7-11; Mark 11:23,24
- G. Ask according to the Word of God. John 15:7
- H. Ask that your joy might be fulfilled. John 15:11 16:24
- I. Give to them that teach you the Word of God. Gal. 6:6
- J. Give to the work of the Lord each week as God prospers you. I Cor. 16:2
- K. Honor the Lord with the first fruits of all your increase. Pro. 3:9,10
- L. Give, and it shall be given unto you. Luke 6:38 Pro. 3:27,28 11:24,25 13:7 22:9 & 28:27
- M. The righteous giveth and spareth not. Pro. 21:25,26
- N. God's Law of Harvest. II Cor. 9:6
- O. God loves a cheerful giver. II Cor. 9:7

- P. Give out of that which you have. II Cor. 8:11-13
- Q. The Poor Widow and her two mites. Mark 12:41-44
- R. See that you abound in the grace of giving. II Cor. 8:7
- S. Some people rob God and thereby are cursed with a curse. Mal. 3:8,9
- T. Bring your gift to God, prove Him, and He'll pour you out a blessing. Mal. 3:10
- U. Why people give to the work of the Lord and do not get blessed. Mal. 3:13,14
- V. Other verses making reference to tithes and offerings:
1. Gen. 14:20
 2. Lev. 27:30,32
 3. Num. 18:28
 4. Deut. 14:22
 5. II Chron. 31:5
 6. Luke 18:12
 7. Heb. 7:5,9

LESSON 3: SCRIPTURES ON FINANCES

Gen. 3:19
Deut. 15:5-11
Deut. 24:14-15
II Chron. 16:9
Job 31:24-28
Psa. 37:7,21,25
Psa. 49:16,17
Psa. 50:14,15
Psa. 73:2,3
Psa. 127:2
Pro. 3:13-19
Pro. 8:18
Pro. 11:4
Pro. 12:11
Pro. 16:18
Pro. 18:11
Pro. 19:1
Pro. 21:5,17,20
Pro. 22:1,2,4,7
Pro. 23:5
Pro. 24:3,4
Pro. 27:23,24
Pro. 28:22
Pro. 30:7-9
Ecc. 2:10,11,26
Ecc. 4:7,8

Ecc. 5:10
Matt. 6:19,20,23
Matt. 17:24-27
Matt. 19:23
Luke 3:7-14
Luke 6:24,25,34,35
Luke 8:14
Luke 9:23,25
Luke 12:25-27
Luke 16:10-12
Luke 21:1-4
Acts 4:32-35
Rom. 13:6-8
I Cor. 9:9-11
Eph. 5:5
Col. 3:23,24
II Thess 3:10,11
I Tim. 5:8
I Tim. 6:8,10
II Tim. 2:3,4
Heb. 13:5,16
James 2:14-16
James 4:3
II Pet. 2:20
John 2:15-17
John 3:17-19