RIGHT ON THE MONEY Matthew 6:19-21, 24 NLT

How we use financial resources is our <u>act of worship</u> or our <u>act of "un-worship"</u>.

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²⁴ "No one can serve two masters. For you will hate one and love the other; you will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and be enslaved to money."

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HOW DO YOU KNOW IF YOU ARE MANAGING MONEY OR MONEY IS MANAGING YOU?

Myth 1 – "I've got a lot of money, I don't have any struggles."

Myth 2 – "I'm just trying to live paycheck to paycheck."

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SIGNS THAT YOU ARE MANAGING GOD'S MONEY:

- Spending decisions are <u>planned</u> and <u>prayerful</u>.
- You prioritize your use of money in this order:

GIVING, SAVING, DEBT, TAXES; then living.

 You don't <u>constantly compare</u> what you have to your neighbors/family.

SIGNS THAT MONEY IS MANAGING YOU:

- Your 1st priority is <u>living</u>, not giving.
- Quick, reactive spending.
- You feel like you never have funds to give or save.
- You prioritize your use of money this way: LIVING, TAXES, GROWING DEBT, LITTLE TO NO SAVINGS AND NO giving.
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NEXT STEPS:

- 1. Giving leads to contentment.
- 2. Giving is a great antidote to greed.
- 3. Giving is a <u>ministry</u> that expresses your <u>thankfulness</u> to God and meets the needs of others.