

## Following God's Financial Counsel

### Bible Study 1: "Seeking God's Instruction and Wisdom"

1. Read Matthew 6:24. What does Jesus identify as a master that can challenge your relationship with Him? Does your relationship with Jesus allow a foot in each kingdom?
2. In his book *Money, Possessions, and Eternity*, Randy Alcorn wrote, "When I realize that God has a claim not on a few dollars to throw in an offering plate, not on 10% or 50%, but 100% of 'my' money, it's revolutionary. Suddenly I'm God's money manager. I'm not God. Money isn't God. God is God. He's in His place, I'm in money, money's in its."  
What do the following verses say that support Rev. Alcorn's claim? Psalm 24:1; Psalm 50:10-12; Haggai 2:8.
3. What do the following verses tell you about faithful planning concerning your money? Proverbs 16:3; 19:21; 21:5; Jeremiah 29:11.
4. Read Luke 19:1-10. What did Zacchaeus do that showed Jesus had changed his heart?
5. Read Mark 10:17-22. Why did Jesus ask him to give away all that he had? How did this show Jesus' love for him?
6. What did Jesus warn you about (Luke 12:15)?
7. Where should your first priority lie according to Matthew 6:33?
8. Read Matthew 6:21. In what ways can your church registers and credit card statements be good indicators of what you value the most?
9. Identify some Biblical characters who displayed a love of money. Who are some who displayed an attitude of detachment and generosity?
10. What did you learn from this study?

