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Topic: The 90/10 Rule – "Finance"

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The final message in the series "The 90/10 Rule" with an emphasis on finances. I hope these scriptures will help you to better understand God's covenant to you regarding finances.

Money influences our thinking. Some people use money to better themselves, while others use it to control others.

There's a force in the world that's trying to distract the believers from tapping into their God-given inheritance.

God gave all of you the ability to provide for your families and future generations. And if you fail to provide for your families and future generations, the Bible says you are worse than an unbeliever.

1 Timothy 5:8 ESV

"But if anyone does not provide for his relatives, and especially for members of his household, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever."

When it comes to the subject of money, it's about who should have it and who should not... the truth is...we all want it! God wants us to have it, but we must get it his way.

Let's look to the word of God for clear answers when it comes to money and the godly rules the Bible puts in place about the subject of money.

Deuteronomy 8:18 NIV

"for it is he who gives you the ability to produce wealth"

Have you ever taken the time to read the entire verses of Deuteronomy 8:18 (NIV)?

"But remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you the ability to produce wealth, and so confirms his covenant, which he swore to your ancestors, as it is today."

Here are a few things to remember:

1. Remember the Lord your God.

(Whatever you acquire in life, always put God at the forefront of it all)

2. He gives you the ability to produce wealth.

(Nothing you do happens without the help of God)

3. So confirms his covenant

(You having wealth will confirm God's covenant promise that says he will supply your every need)

4. Which he swore to your ancestors, as it is today.
(The covenant applies to you today)

There are rules laid out in the word of God that deals with the lustful pursue of money rather than seeking God.

And, anytime you get these 2 things mixed up, you will default on the covenant God made between you and himself.

1 Timothy 6:1-10 NLT

Matthew 6:33

Matthew 6:24 tells us, we can't serve God and money at the same time; however, it doesn't say you can't have money and God at the same time.

Just don't replace God with money or try to make them both equal.

John 10:10 says the enemy of your soul is a thief...

He comes to steal everything God wants you to have including wealth. It's time you know the difference between looking wealthy and being wealthy; there is a difference.

Proverbs 3:9 & 10 NLT

"Honor the Lord with your wealth and with the best part of everything your land produces."
Everyone should honor God with what they have at their level.

The bible speaks clearly to the rich and the poor about this subject...

To the rich, here's what God wants you to know.

1 Timothy 6:17-19 NLT

Now let's take a look at what the bible says about giving out of your poverty.

2 Corinthians 8:1-7 NLT

God is watching everyone to see what you will do in the area of giving.

Mark 12:41-44 NLT

The 90/10 rule applies to everyone! It is the commandment of God!

And John 14:15 tells us, "if you love him, you will keep his commandments"

This applies to loving all race, conforming to his laws, when it comes to choosing God-ordained sexual preferences, and our finances.

Malachi 3 put things into perspective when it comes to the issue of giving.

Malachi 3:6 (NLT) opens up with a desperate call to repentance.
And this repentance has to do with how we handle the finances God gives to us.

When it comes to the 10th, the bible has a lot to say about it.
The tithe, the 10% belongs to God.

-Genesis 28:22 ESV

"All that you give me I will give a full tenth to you."

-Leviticus 27:30 NLT

"A tenth of the produce of the land, whether grain or fruit, belongs to the Lord and must be set apart to him as holy. "

Here's what Paul told the Corinthian church to do and I believe the same applies to us today. 1
Corinthians 16:2 ESV

"On the first day of every week, each of you is to put something aside and store it up, as he may prosper, so that there will be no collection when I come."

We see the practice of the giving of the 10th being carried out even in the New Testament.
Luke 18:12 NLT, I fast twice a week, and I give you a tenth of my income.'

In Luke 18, verses 11-14, Jesus spoke about 2 men going to the temple to pray. One was a Pharisee, and the other a tax collector. Read what Jesus said about the 90/10 rule in these verses.

Luke 6:38 NLT

"If you give, you will receive. Your gift will return to you in full measure, pressed down, shaken together to make room for more, and running over."