

I'm IN!

I Samuel 12:24

Be sure to fear the LORD and serve him faithfully with all your heart; consider what great things he has done for you.

Our prayers for these days:

- To draw closer to Jesus.
- To know exactly how He would use us in this campaign.
- That each of us would obey His promptings.
- That each of us would respond from a heart of love and gratitude to the Lord.

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Proverbs 3:5-10 (NIV)

Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight. Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the LORD and shun evil. This will bring health to your body and nourishment to your bones. Honor the LORD with your wealth, with the firstfruits of all your crops; then your barns will be filled to overflowing, and your vats will brim over with new wine.

I. Embrace Biblical Stewardship – God is the owner – I am the manager.

Psalms 24:1 (HCSB)

“The earth is the LORD’s, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it.”

1 Corinthians 4:7 (HCSB)

What do you have that you didn’t receive? If, in fact, you did receive it, why do you boast as if you hadn’t received it?

II. Guard Your Heart Against Wrong Attitudes About Money

1 Timothy 6:9-11 (NIV)

People who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge men into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs. But you, man of God, flee from all this, and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance and gentleness.

1 Timothy 6:17-19 (NIV)

Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life.

III. Be faithful in your Biblical Responsibilities

A Christian has three main areas of financial responsibility:

- To the Lord

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1 Corinthians 16:1-2 (NIV)

Now about the collection for God's people: Do what I told the Galatian churches to do. On the first day of every week, each one of you should set aside a sum of money in keeping with his income, saving it up, so that when I come no collections will have to be made.

Malachi 3:10-12 (NIV)

Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the LORD Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it. I will prevent pests from devouring your crops, and the vines in your fields will not cast their fruit," says the LORD Almighty. "Then all the nations will call you blessed, for yours will be a delightful land," says the LORD Almighty.

- To your family

1 Timothy 5:8 (NIV)

If anyone does not provide for his relatives, and especially for his immediate family, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.

- To those in need

Galatians 6:10 (NIV)

"Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers."

Warren Wiersbe

“Giving is not something we do, but something we are. Giving is a way of life for the Christian who understands the grace of God. Our giving must come from the heart, and the motive in the heart must please God. When a Christian practices ‘grace giving’, he first gives himself to the Lord. His gift, then, becomes a symbol of the surrender of his heart.”