

God's Finances

Message Study Notes for 20 June 2021

Romans 10 verses 11 to 15

The New Testament church saw the use of their finances for fuelling Christ's kingdom. They went way beyond tithing (10%).

If tithing is no longer a rule, should Christians consider tithing or more?

We are entrusted with this planet. The way we steward our finances is one way we take care of and honour God and his creation.

Do you agree? Does the way we use our finances make any difference? In what way?

The New Testament mentions three things we don't own, but are managers of, in partnership with God:

1. God's grace. God gives grace to one person not for their private use, but to give to someone else.

Read 1st Peter 4 verse 10

If what we have belongs to the mission of God for the world, not for us to spend on ourselves, what is the church's priority?

2. God's message. God wants everyone to hear the message of his love and reconciliation through Christ.

Why would God prefer to work through people than spread the gospel by himself?

Read 1st Corinthians 4 verses 1 to 2.

How can we be faithful to this message?

Read Romans 10 verses 11 to 15.

People need to be sent by a local body of believers, to preach the gospel, so that others believe in Christ.

Is that system still relevant today? Why?

3. God's money. Sharing the gospel costs money.

Should each church fund special people to preach, or is that a job for everyone?

God doesn't need our money; but it's good to learn how to give.

In what ways, if any, does using our money to help share the gospel make any difference to our hearts?