

# PART VI: Resource

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## LAST WEEK'S PRACTICE.

Last week we did a self-assessment to find out the condition of our hearts regarding money and possessions; and then ended by choosing a practical step to continue applying what we learned during this series.

- Would anyone like to share how you did with last week's practice?

## SUMMARY.

Money is something we come into contact with every day of our lives; that is why we must have the biblical perspective of the use of money. This Sunday we were learning that money is a resource to be stewarded and not a god to be worshipped. And we learned about three categories that each of us falls into when it comes to money

- What did the Holy Spirit speak to you (or got your attention) about Sunday's teaching?

## Exodus 16:17-20

- Why did God ask them to only gather food for one day?

## Exodus 16:27-30

- After reading these two passages, what does God want to teach you and why?

## PRACTICE AS A COMMUNITY.

Today we are going to do a simple practice with two purposes. 1) Identify which of the two people we are with respect to money. 2) Begin to practice the three gifts that God left us so that money does not own our lives.

### 1. First.

- Pray for the Holy Spirit to guide during this time.

### 2. Second.

- Read the descriptions of the two types of people regarding money.

#### 1. The carefree:

- Money doesn't matter much to him/her.
- Doesn't like budgeting or looking at their finances.
- It is difficult for him/her to receive from other people.
- Struggles with workin.
- Can be generous but irresponsible because he/she gives more than what can actually give.
- In general, he/she does not take good care of his/her economic responsibilities (his/ her needs, those of his family, etc

#### 2. The slave:

- Money matters too much to him/her
- Thinks too much about money and possessions
- Has a hard time being generous and giving to other people
- Works too much
- Can be a good administrator but becomes selfish because he/shedoesn't share

- In general, he/she only takes care of his/her economic responsibilities (needs, those of his family, etc.) and not that of others

### 3. **Third.**

- Now identify which of the two you relate to more. The carefree or the slave
- It is very possible that you have both, but there is one that is more than the other
- If it helps you, you can put a mark on each of the descriptions that apply to you and see which one has more

### 4. **Fourth.**

- Now read the three practices that God has given us so that we can become a good steward of money and not a careless or slave

#### 1. **Tithes:**

- **What it is:** Give 10% of your income or money you get to the church
- **How it helps you:** Helps you remember that God is the one who provides

#### 2. **Generosity:**

- **What it is:** Giving to other people without expecting anything in return (and in some cases, without that person knowing about it)
- **How it helps you:** Helps you remember that money is a resource to bless others, and expand the kingdom of God

#### 3. **Day of rest:**

- **What it is:** Set aside one day a week to stop, rest, enjoy, and worship; and not work
- **How it helps you:** It helps you remember that we can trust God and that He is the one who provides and that our identity comes from being children of God and not from what we do

### 5. **Fifth.**

- Now pray personally and ask the Holy Spirit to show you which one you should start practicing
- If you practice two of the three, then ask him to help you practice the last one
- Or if there is one that you already know you should start doing, then ask him to help you with that specific one
- Then, mark which one is it and write how you are going to start practicing it
  - Some ideas may be: If it is tithes, as soon as I receive my payment or any money, take out 10% to give it on Sunday/Friday)
  - If it is generosity, choose someone who you can bless
  - If it is the rest day, choose which day it will be