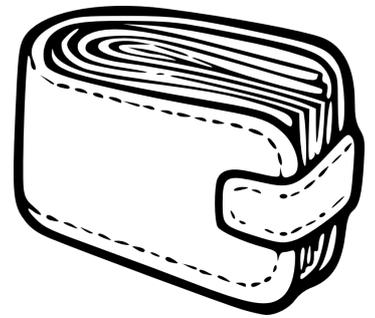


# MONEY MATTERS...

Some passages to read.

1 Timothy 6:6-19; 2 Corinthians 9:6-8; Mark 10:21-22; Matthew 6:24

## Some Questions to Ponder...



1. Does God need my money? Is it my money?
2. Am I chasing a life that is rich in good deeds or a life that is rich in money?
3. Do my spending habits demonstrate that God controls the wealth He has placed under my care?
4. Have I spent time asking God what He would like me to do with His money?
5. If money can be seen as seed, am I sowing it in good soil where it will bear good fruit? (This applies to my spending, my saving and my giving)
6. What is my attitude when I give:  
 Cheerful?                       Thankful?                       Indifferent?  
 Negative?                       Cynical?                       Guilty?
7. How do I measure up with regards to Rick Warren's 4 R's  
**Resist** comparing to what others have  
**Rejoice** in what I have (gratefulness)  
**Return** – what does my giving look like  
**Refocus** – are my eyes set on the eternal
8. If Wesley taught that we should **earn, save, and give** as much as we can, how does that look in my life?



## SO WHAT SHOULD I DO?

1. Think carefully about where my contentment comes from.  
(Go back to the messages on purpose, priorities and materialism)
2. Recognise that it all comes from Him.
3. See money as a means to an end, and the end is to do good for the glory of God.
4. Try to eliminate wastage in my life.
5. Give my money back to God:  
- As an act of worship - "You are Lord and not me!"  
- As an act of gratitude - "Lord all I have comes from You!"  
- As an act of defiance - "Money you don't own me."  
- As an act of devotion - "Lord I love you more..."  
- As an act of stewardship - "There's good work to be done"
6. Some practical thoughts:  
- Work with a Budget – Have a system.  
- Track expenditure (most of us get into trouble on impulse spending) – Be accountable.  
- Avoid debt as much as possible!  
- Use an advisor if you're not good with money.
7. Teach your children to work with money!

