

# **Biblical financial principles**

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## **Principle VII: Money and society**

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**VII. Money and society:** let's now consider how money and society are related from a Christian perspective. This is a brief introduction to a topic that we could spend considerable time on. Although this is not an exhaustive study, I did would want to touch on a few points about our financial responsibility to our neighbor, our community, and our society.

## A. Responsibility to your neighbor

- Love your neighbor as yourself
- Look out for your neighbor's interest



**A. Responsibility to your neighbor:** Jesus taught that we should be willing to use some of our resources for the good of our neighbor. If we see our neighbor in need we should be willing to help out. I'm not saying we should do this at the expense of our own welfare, but there are often times when we can do good deeds for our neighbor at very little cost. For example, if our neighbor is sick we can hire someone to mow his lawn, or are we can prepare a meal and deliver it to him. There are many other ways we can use our savings to help our neighbors in need. If we have established a blessings fund, it can be used to spontaneously and joyfully meet this type of need in Jesus name, especially to followers of Christ (Matthew 10:42).

## Safeguard property entrusted to us

- "Suppose someone leaves money or goods with a neighbor for safekeeping, and they are stolen from the neighbor's house. If the thief is caught, the compensation is double the value of what was stolen. But if the thief is not caught, the neighbor must appear before God, who will determine if he stole the property. Exodus 22:7-8 (NLT) >



**Safeguard property entrusted to us:** Here is another important principle: we want to respect our neighbor's assets. If our neighbor leaves something with us for safekeeping, we must be careful to protect it. This is simply consistent with the idea of loving our neighbor as ourselves. Let's read exodus 22: 7-8.

## Return borrowed items in good condition



- “If someone borrows an animal from a neighbor and it is injured or dies when the owner is absent, the person who borrowed it must pay full compensation. But if the owner was present, no compensation is required. And no compensation is required if the animal was rented, for this loss is covered by the rental fee. Exodus 22:14-15 (NLT)

**Return borrowed items in good condition:** If we borrow something we must be sure to return it. If we have damaged the item while in our possession, we should offer to pay for its repair or replacement.

## B. Responsibility to our community

- Care for the poor, handicapped, and defenseless members of society
- Consider contributing to a public legal defense fund
- Speak up for righteousness
- Be willing to serve the community and let your light shine. Expect opposition >



**B. Responsibility to our community:** as Christians, we should consider assuming some measure of financial responsibility to support organizations that help the needy. If there are agencies that care for the poor, the handicapped, or the defenseless, we can contribute funds to them. Perhaps there is a legal service for the poor that we can help support, or an organization that combats trafficking.

## B. Responsibility to our community (cont'd)

- Pray for your leaders
- Discourage corruption in government
- Consider voting for those who have a biblical world view if they meet basic qualifications
- Trust the Lord completely for his sovereignty over your community and country



**B. Responsibility to our community (cont'd):** We should discourage corruption in government and pray for our leaders. I think it is proper to consider voting for those who have a Biblical worldview, given they are otherwise qualified to govern. When it comes to money in our society, we should consider voting for those who believe in conservative fiscal policy. Unfortunately, the finances of our own gov't in the U.S. is out of control. We currently have over \$33,000,000,000,000 in debt, and it is growing with no end in sight. This is not good. I believe there will ultimately be a fiscal crisis in the U.S if we do not get our financial house in order. That may have ripple effects around the world. One of the things my wife and I look for when deciding on who to support are those who believe that our government should have a balanced budget.

## **Class discussion**

- **What challenges do you face in your local community that make it easy or difficult for you to practice Biblical financial principles?**
- **How does the political and social climate in your state or country affect your ability to practice Biblical financial principles?**

**Class discussion**





## Quiz

### Multiple choice or True/False

- Create one or more quizzes that deal with this module
- Usually 4 or 5 choices or statements work best for each quiz
- After allowing a minute or two for the students to complete the quiz, go over the answers. For false statements, ask the class what change could be made to make the statement true

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**THE END**



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**The End:** this is the end of the seminar on Biblical Financial Principles. Thank you for being such a wonderful class.