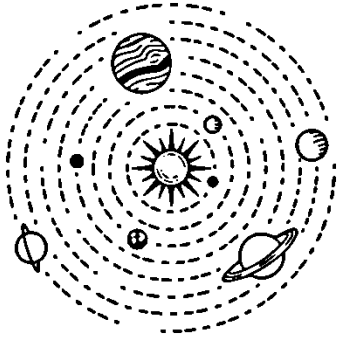


Orbiting the Son: Planet Money



• our Solar System

MONEY as GIFT

➤ godly attitudes

- from God ¹
- for now ²
- fine as I am ³

➤ godly use

- supporting yourself and your family ⁴
- sharing with those in need ⁵
- promoting gospel work ⁶

¹ 1 Chronicles 29:14

² 1 Timothy 6:7; Matthew 6:19-20

³ 1 Timothy 6:6; Philippians 4:11-13

⁴ 2 Thessalonians 3:8, 10; 1 Timothy 5:8

⁵ Ephesians 4:28; 1 Timothy 6:18; Acts 20:35;

⁶ 1 Corinthians 9:14; 2 Corinthians 9:7; Mark 12:40, 41-44; Luke 8:3; e.g. Humphrey Monmouth in John Reinhart's *Gospel Patrons: People Whose Generosity Changed the World* (2018).

MONEY AS god

➤ love of money ⁷

➤ indulgence of self ⁸

➤ neglect of the gospel ⁹

➔ how to get Mercury back in orbit ¹⁰

⁷ 1 Timothy 6:9-10; Luke 16:13; the parable of the Great Banquet: Luke 14:15-21; the parable of the Sower (or Soils): Mark 4:1-20; Craig Blomberg's *Poverty or Riches: A Biblical Theology of Possessions* (2015); Luke 12:13-21

⁸ 2 Timothy 3:1-2; Luke 16:19-31; James 5:1-6

⁹ Haggai 1:4; Malachi 3:9

¹⁰ 2 Corinthians 8:9; Tim Keller's *Counterfeit Gods* (2009); John Piper's *Living in the Light* (2016).

1 Timothy 6:6-19

6 But godliness with contentment is great gain. 7 For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. 8 But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that. 9 Those who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. 10 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.

11 But you, man of God, flee from all this, and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance and gentleness. 12 Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called when you made your good confession in the presence of many witnesses. 13 In the sight of God, who gives life to everything, and of Christ Jesus, who while testifying before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you 14 to keep this command without spot or blame until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, 15 which God will bring about in his own time—God, the blessed and only Ruler, the King of kings and Lord of lords, 16 who alone is immortal and who lives in unapproachable light, whom no one has seen or can see. To him be honor and might forever. Amen.

17 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. 18 Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous

and willing to share. 19 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.

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FAQ: Old Testament Tithing & New Testament Giving

Dear brothers & sisters,

Years ago (2012), in connection with a sermon series, I fielded questions from our church family about Old Testament tithing and New Testament grace-giving.

In your free time, feel free to read my answers to FAQs. Not all 18 questions and answers will be interesting – some are tedious – but maybe some will be useful.

For example:

- 1) What does the Bible mean by tithing?
- 2) What is the history and nature of tithing in the Old Testament?
- 3) What are the four passages mentioning tithing in the New Testament and do any of them apply to the Christian church today?
- 4) For what reasons are Christians today no longer obligated to practice the Old Testament tithe?
- 5) If the Old Testament tithe is outmoded and fulfilled in Jesus, what is the model of giving found in the New Testament for us?
- 6) How much should Christians give?

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