

Podcast Worksheet
5 Tips for Living Free Financially: Money and Tithing

Scriptural Texts:

Psalm 37:21; Proverbs 3:9-10; 22:7; Malachi 3:8-10; Matthew 6:24; 23:23; Romans 13:8; Philippians 4:11-13

Main Points:

1. For many Christians, money is an area of bondage, not freedom.
2. Tip #1: Tithe. Tithing is the power step opening the way for God to work in our finances.
3. Giving 10% of our income is an acknowledgement of our trust in God as our provider.
4. Blessings follow obedience. When we obey by tithing, God blesses our life.
5. God says we're robbing him when we don't tithe.
6. When we honor God, he honors us.
7. Tip #2: Pay off debt. Debt is voluntary slavery, bondage leading to worry, fear, and anxiety.
8. Getting out of debt starts with a commitment followed by prayer and a plan.
9. Tip #3: Pay Yourself. Work toward a goal of giving yourself 10%, money put aside in savings.
10. Without any savings, we're setting ourselves up for a continual need for debt.
11. Tip #4: Spend less than you make. Stop viewing your paycheck as something to be consumed.
12. Living according to a budget and curtailing spending requires discipline and self-control.
13. Tip #5: Be content. Be grateful and accept whatever God provides. Don't covet; be content.

Questions:

1. What are your tithing habits? Are they honoring God? Are changes needed?

2. Do you view debt as essential or optional? What steps can you take to eliminate debt?

3. Does your attitude toward your income lean more toward coveting or contentment? If you are coveting, would you be willing to ask for forgiveness? Will you choose to be content?

Prayer of Response:

Lord God, I realize I have not been honoring you in my finances. Instead, I've been ignoring your Word and living as the world does. Forgive me and help me go a new way. Because I acknowledge I do need your power and provision working in my life, I commit to begin tithing. Help me make the needed changes to begin living in obedience to you and toward financial freedom and. In Jesus name, amen.

Commitment: After prayerful meditation on this podcast, I am going to _____
