

## CONNECT Group Study Guide: Financial responsibility.

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Being a good steward of your finances, giving on a regular basis to support the work of The Lord and giving to bless those in need is a spiritual discipline that every Christian should excel in. The bible tells us that where our heart is there our treasure will also be...the way we spend our money reveals exactly where our heart is and it is the condition of our hearts that will determine our mind-set and activities in the area of finance.

Some think that poverty is piety and others think that having an abundance of money is a sign of spiritual blessing. 3 John 1:3 says *"Beloved, I pray that you may prosper in all things and be in health, just as your soul prospers"*. (III John 1:2 NKJV)

The Lord God wants us to prosper in every way and this will not be possible if there is imbalance in our lives. The possession of financial wealth does not necessarily equate blessings and poverty is not necessarily pious.

The one who desires to have plenty is nothing unless he desires to have that he may give and the one that has not is also nothing unless he makes himself poor so that others may be rich.

May God grant you revelation that leads to blessings as you sharpen one another in the area of finance.

### **2 Corinthians 8:1-7**

Why is it important for us to excel in the area of giving?

### **Acts 20:35    Proverbs 22:9    Philippians 4:11-17**

What are some of the benefits of possessing a generous spirit?

### **Malachi 3:10-11    Proverbs 3:9-10    2 Corinthians 9:6-10**

How do these verses shape your understanding when it comes to giving to the church?

Why do some find it difficult to give consistently to the church?