

CONNECT Group Study Guide: Finances.

**1. Isaiah 55:1- 2, Matthew 6:24, Proverbs 30: 7-9, Ecclesiastes 5:10,
Matthew 6:19 -21, Luke 12:13-15, Philippians 4:11-13**

What are some of the challenges Christians face in acquiring and maintaining a healthy view of money and how can we resist the temptation of finding satisfaction in money rather than in God?

**2. Deuteronomy 10:14 Matthew 25: 31 – 46 Malachi 3:10 1 Timothy 5:8
Acts 20:35**

We are called to be good stewards of our finances because it is not our money but God's Money. When it comes to how we spend money, what is our responsibility to family, the local church, the poor and the needy, the government?

3. Romans 13:8 Proverbs 22:7 1 Timothy 6:9

Many people find it difficult to live within their means and get into debt whereas for many others, certain debts are not due to poor financial habits but for practical reasons linked to valid needs. What would you consider good debt and bad debt? How can Christians live debt free?

4. Luke: 21:1-4 Luke 12:16-21 2 Corinthians 9:6-8 1 Chronicles 21:24

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It is not so much the amount of money that we have that matters but the heart with which we give and how we express our faith and reliance in God as our source, provider and sustainer. What does it take to cultivate a mind- set of generosity in giving and in being rich towards God?