

Biblical Economics

Introduction

I. The subject of Biblical Economics and finance is a very in-depth study covering a wide range of _____ and _____.

A. We WILL NOT be able to exhaust much of this subject, but the majors we will endeavor to address will be:

1. Is it _____ the will of God for His people to prosper? If so, why and how do they obtain it?
2. What Jesus said about finances. Was He _____ people having material wealth?
3. Our _____ from the curse of poverty.
4. The role of _____ and _____ for the NT believer?
5. Should believers give and expect a _____ on their giving? What should be our _____ when giving?
6. What and how do we actually _____ from God.

B. What we will not have time to address regarding this subject:

1. Old Testament _____ and _____
2. Financial _____
3. _____ reduction strategies
4. Stocks, investing and _____ building
5. _____ and having a good report.

II. Biblical Economics is not difficult to teach, but it can be a very _____ subject. Here are some reasons why:

“From my experience of over 50 years of full-time ministry and preaching faith, I have concluded that more people fail when it comes to faith for finances than anything else.” Obedience in Finances, by Kenneth E. Hagin.

If we can get through this course without disagreeing with you, upsetting you or frustrating you, it will be nothing short of a miracle.

- A. People have strong ideas and _____ on money.
- B. There are a multitude of unbiblical _____ that have spread throughout the church world.
 - 1. From _____ to excessive notions, people have gotten into one side of the ditch or the other.
 - 2. Some have placed people under undue _____ and shame while other have a _____ or lackadaisical attitude towards finances and giving.
 - 3. But, we’re going to be _____ where the Word is strong and we’ll be _____ where the Word is soft.
- C. People’s ideas of God’s _____ towards poor people, while others come from a _____ ideology.
- D. People have been quick to accept the word of a well-respected _____ without researching the Word of God.
 - 1. Just because a minister has success or some experiences doesn’t mean we are to accept their success or experience over the _____.
 - 2. We wouldn’t do that when it comes to _____, why would we do it in any other area, including finances?
- E. People look for sure-fire, exact _____ for how to do everything regarding money and forget to partner with God at every step.
 - 1. You simply should not do that as a _____ of the Gospel.

2. That's one reason the Holy Spirit is given to each of us - to fill in the blanks where the Word is less _____.
- F. Many people are easily _____ because the area of finances is very sensitive area.
1. There are many un-sanctified _____ in the Church.
 2. When you start teaching on giving, and especially tithing, they think you should stick to " _____ " things.
 3. Your relationship with money IS a _____ thing.
- G. Three groups of people can get offended very easily when you address the subject of Biblical economics.
1. One group is those who see money as their _____.
 - a) When you teach about releasing money, you're attacking their _____ , dreams and plans for themselves.
 - b) How would you spend if you won the _____ ?
 2. If you deal scripturally with poverty and lack not being the will of God, then people who are struggling can get under _____ and become offended at you and God.
 - a) How many have ever _____ in the area of money?
 - b) Typically in the midst of a struggle, you don't want to hear a _____ of prosperity - especially if they have struggled for a long time.
 - c) But how many know, that whatever the area you may be struggling in, THAT is the area you _____ God's Word!
 - d) Don't get offended at the _____ !
 3. Then, there is always the folks that think you're after their _____.

III. My main objective when teaching on any Bible subject, including Biblical Economics, is to give _____ , practical information.

- A. There has been MUCH _____ in this area.
 - 1. No where does the Bible promise that for one seed of X amount today, you can wipe out _____ of bad management and poor decisions next week.
 - 2. Some people think that if I can just learn the perfect _____ , method or manner, that it will release a windfall return.
- B. Rather than getting formula-oriented, we need to get _____ oriented with the right heart relationship to Biblical Economics.
- C. Let's begin this course, not talking about money, but rather talking about _____ .
 - 1. I'm a _____ kind of thinker and teacher.
 - 2. But, we can get too principle-oriented and lose sight of the _____ behind the principle.
 - 3. Let's take a look at the _____.

Romans 11:36 NKJV

36 *For of Him and through Him and to Him are all things, to whom be glory forever. Amen.*

- IV. Once we understand how that FROM Him everything comes, that THROUGH Him everything comes and that TO Him everything goes, you can begin to grasp the intended _____ of this subject - HIM.
 - A. When we get hooked with the person, you can begin to see that the _____ of abundance are not an end in themselves, but the _____ are a means to an end!
 - 1. When God begins to reveal truth to us, even about Himself, He does not do so to fill our head with _____.

2. The revelation draws us into an _____, an experience with Him in that area.
- B. This is a cycle (from, through and to) _____ .
1. So this subject is not a bunch of vague formulas and principles that we just try to _____ and work in the earth.
 2. We must see it is a _____ with God (from Whom, through Whom and to Whom).
 3. Then, the _____ go from being an end in themselves (like many teach), to being a means to an end!
 4. That end is connecting, partnering and establishing a _____ with our Heavenly Father in the area of abundance!
 - a) How you _____ God with greatly determine how you receive from Him.
 - b) This works in all six _____ of life -
- C. The key is to maintain a close relationship with your Heavenly Father in the from, through and to principles in order that you know Him as _____ and _____.