

# Message Notes

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## “Looking Ahead to 2011”

Various scriptures

**Introduction:** God is looking for sold-out believers:

*“For the eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show Himself strong on behalf of those whose heart is loyal to Him.”*

2 Chronicles 16:9 (NKJV)

*“My dear friends, don’t let public opinion influence how you live out our glorious, Christ-originated faith. If a man enters your church wearing an expensive suit, and a street person wearing rags comes in right after him, and you say to the man in the suit, “Sit here, sir; this is the best seat in the house!” and either ignore the street person or say “Better sit here in the back row,” haven’t you segregated God’s children and proved that you are judges who can’t be trusted?”*

James 2:1-4 (Message)

*“The earth and everything it contains are the Lord’s.”* Psalm 24:1 (GWT)

**Think About It:** *If you don’t wisely handle your money, your money will \_\_\_\_\_ handle you. If you don’t properly control your attitude toward money, your attitude toward money will \_\_\_\_\_ control you!*

### The World Teaches Us To:

1. \_\_\_\_\_ our money
2. Enjoy it (usually we over-enjoy) which lands us in \_\_\_\_\_
3. Repay the debt from \_\_\_\_\_
4. Save for future needs once you’re \_\_\_\_\_ of debt.
5. Give, if and when there is anything \_\_\_\_\_

### God Teaches Us To:

1. \_\_\_\_\_ our money

2. \_\_\_\_\_ back to God (Exodus 23:19; Deuteronomy 26:1-11).

*“Bring the choice first produce of the year to the house of your God.”*

Exodus 23:19 (Message)

*“The Lord is giving you the land, and soon you will conquer it, settle down, and plant crops. And when you begin harvesting each of your crops, the very first things you pick must be put in a basket. Take them to the place where the Lord your God chooses to be worshipped...”* Deuteronomy 26:1-2 (CEV)

*“When you collect money for God’s people, I want you to do exactly what I told the churches in Galatia to do. That is, every Sunday each of you must put aside part of what you have earned.”* 1 Corinthians 16:1-2 (CEV)

**Here’s The Point:** *Giving is an act of thanks (praise) and worship and we always thank God \_\_\_\_\_ We always worship God \_\_\_\_\_*

3. \_\_\_\_\_ for future needs (Proverbs 13:22; 21:20).

*“A good man leaves an inheritance for his children’s children.”*

Proverbs 13:22 (NIV)

*“In the house of the wise are stores of choice food and oil, but a foolish man devours all he has.”*

Proverbs 21:20 (NIV)

4. \_\_\_\_\_ debts (utility bills, mortgage, groceries, etc.).

*“Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another.”*

Romans 13:8 (NIV)

5. \_\_\_\_\_ what is left!

*“...every man should eat and drink and enjoy the good of all his labor.”*

Ecclesiastes 3:13 (NKJV)

### The World’s Approach to Finances

The philosophy: Money brings joy and peace.

The message: Get as much money as you can and enjoy it.

The results: Selfishness, anger and further \_\_\_\_\_

### God’s Approach to Finances

The philosophy: Proper \_\_\_\_\_ of God’s money brings joy and peace.

The message: As a steward, I must pursue \_\_\_\_\_

The results: Generosity, peace and financial \_\_\_\_\_

### **Closing:**



