

Getting Started

1. Why is credit use so popular in our culture now? Why do people find it hard to save?
2. Are you a saver or a spender? Do you save for big purchases or do you use credit/debt?
3. What would the Church and our country look like if Christians lived godly money management more faithfully?
4. What insight, principle, or observation from this weekend's sermon did you find to be most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling? Explain

Digging Deeper

5. Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 110

Q. What does God forbid in the eighth commandment?

A. God forbids not only outright theft and robbery, punishable by law.¹

But in God's sight theft also includes all scheming and swindling in order to get our neighbor's goods for ourselves, whether by force or means that appear legitimate,² such as inaccurate measurements of weight, size, or volume; fraudulent merchandising; counterfeit money; excessive interest; or any other means forbidden by God.³

In addition God forbids all greed⁴ and pointless squandering of his gifts.⁵

¹ Ex. 22:1; 1 Cor. 5:9-10; 6:9-10 ² Mic. 6:9-11; Luke 3:14; James 5:1-6 ³ Deut. 25:13-16; Ps. 15:5; Prov. 11:1; 12:22; Ezek. 45:9-12; Luke 6:35 ⁴ Luke 12:15; Eph. 5:5 ⁵ Prov. 21:20; 23:20-21; Luke 16:10-13

Read Psalm 37:21. The opposite of stealing is generosity. How does that relate to the eighth commandment?

6. Read Proverbs 22:7. Another way to look at this verse is that in this world, wealth is power. This sentiment is echoed in Proverbs 10:15. While that may seem true, what is our only sure defense?
7. Is Romans 13:7 an application of Matthew 22:15-22?
8. Keeping Romans 13:7 and Matthew 22:15-22 in mind, is it okay to hide income in order to lower your tax amount?

Application

9. Knowing how to budget and plan is far different from actually doing it, but when we budget and plan we are better able to use what God has blessed us with to honor him. Do you budget? Do you save? Do you give back to God?

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Christian Finance

“Putting It Into Practice”

The plans of the diligent lead surely to abundance, but everyone who is hasty comes only to poverty.

Proverbs 21:5

- Proper _____ is _____ in money management.
- Debt is to be _____, because we become _____ to debt.
- Use what God has blessed you with to _____ him and _____ others.

Topics: Budgeting, saving, giving