



Building Your House

Learning To Manage Money With Godliness

Phil 4:11-13 “...for I have learned in whatever state I am, to be content: I know how to be abased, and I know how to abound. Everywhere and in all things I have learned both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need. I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.”

Building A Home Requires Many Choices

- Work ~ **1Tim 5:8** *“But if anyone does not provide for his own, and especially for those of his household, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.”*
- Where to Live ~ **Gen 13:5-11**
- Companions ~ **Eccl 4:9-12**
- Spouse ~ **1Cor 7:32-35**
- Raising children ~ **Eph 6:4**
- How we spend money ~ **Phil 4:11-13**
- **Joshua 24:15** *“...But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.”“*

Be Content, Don't Neglect or Indulge

- **1Tim 6:6-10** *“Now godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. And having food and clothing, with these we shall be content. But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and harmful lusts which drown men in destruction and perdition. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, for which some have strayed from the faith in their greediness, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.”*
- **Col 2:20-23** *“... why, as though living in the world, do you subject yourselves to regulations— “Do not touch, do not taste, do not handle,” which all concern things which perish with the using— according to the commandments and doctrines of men? These things indeed have an appearance of wisdom in self-imposed religion, false humility, and neglect of the body, but are of no value against the indulgence of the flesh.”*

Four Main Budget Items

- Give God The Firstfruits
 - **Proverbs 3:9** *"Honor the Lord with your possessions, And with the firstfruits of all your increase;"*
- Pay Your Taxes
 - **Romans 13:7** *"Render to all what is due them: tax to whom tax is due; custom to whom custom; fear to whom fear; honor to whom honor."*
- Provide For Yourself & Your Family
 - **1Tim 5:8** *"But if anyone does not provide for his own, and especially for those of his household, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever."*
- Help The Needy As You Have Opportunity
 - **2Cor 8:14** *"at this present time your abundance being a supply for their need, so that their abundance also may become a supply for your need, that there may be equality;"*

The Three Tenths – Learn The Attitude

- The Tenth Is Holy To The LORD
 - Leviticus 27:30-33
- The Lord gave His Tenth to the Levites for their work
 - Numbers 18:8-32
- The Second and Third Tenth for your house and the poor
 - Deuteronomy 14:22-29
- Jewish tradition and some more recent studies have identified two or three different tithes in these passages. (1) A first tithe consisted of the tithe to the Levites (Nu. 18; Dt. 14:27) (2) A second tithe was set apart and eaten by the household, presumably in Jerusalem (Dt. 14:22–26;). ... (3) The third tithe, according to Jewish tradition, was the tithe for the poor (Dt. 14:28f), which occurred only in the third year. *ISBE*

Follow The Pattern

- The church is commanded to follow the Old Testament pattern in paying the workers.
 - 1Cor 9:1-14; 1Tim 5:17-18
- They followed the pattern for the needy.
 - Acts 4:32-37
 - 1Cor 16:1-3; 2Cor 8 & 9
- We also see that the two types of giving are not to be confused with each other
 - 1Tim 5:1-16
- The High Priest still lives to accept the tenths and offerings
 - Hebrews 7:1-8; Philippians 4:15-19