

# **Money & Honor**

## **Part II**

The decisions we make about money give insight to what we value.

# Be Content With Simple Things

- **1 Timothy 6:6-10** *"But godliness actually is a means of great gain when accompanied by contentment.*

*For we have brought nothing into the world, so we cannot take anything out of it either.*

*If we have food and covering, with these we shall be content.*

*But those who want to get rich fall into temptation and a snare and many foolish and harmful desires which plunge men into ruin and destruction.*

*For the love of money is a root of all sorts of evil, and some by longing for it have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs. "*

# Put The Kingdom First

- Notice that Jesus' teaching about not worrying is the conclusion of choosing to serve God or Riches.
  - Matthew 6:24-34
- The Widow's Mites
  - Luke 21:1-4
- Barnabus vs. Ananias & Sapphira
  - Acts 4:32-5:4
- From Their Deep Poverty
  - 2Corinthians 8:1-7

# **The Firstfruits are God's**

- **We Show God Honor With The Firstfruits**
  - **Proverbs 3:9-10**
- **Abel understood this and honored God**
  - **Genesis 4:1-7**
- **Abraham understood this hundreds of years before the Law of Moses**
  - **Genesis 14:18-24**
- **But the children of Israel robbed God of His Firstfruits**
  - **Malachi 3:6-10**

# Plan For Sharing With The Poor

- Lend and expect nothing in return
  - Luke 6:34-36
- Israel told to store up a tenth every third year for the poor
  - Deuteronomy 14:28-29
- Care for the poor
  - Deuteronomy 15:7-11
- Leave a portion for the poor
  - Leviticus 19:9-10
- He who gives will not lack
  - Proverbs 28:27
- Give to the poor ~ lend to the Lord
  - Proverbs 19:17

# What I'm Not Saying

- **Judge Another ~ Romans 14:4** *"Who are you to judge the servant of another? To his own master he stands or falls; and he will stand, for the Lord is able to make him stand."*
- **Live Ascetic Life ~ Colossians 2:23** *"These are matters which have, to be sure, the appearance of wisdom in self-made religion and self-abasement and severe treatment of the body, but are of no value against fleshly indulgence."*
- **Don't Enjoy Good Things ~ Eccl 3:12-13** *"I know that nothing is better for them than to rejoice, and to do good in their lives, and also that every man should eat and drink and enjoy the good of all his labor—it is the gift of God."*