

## *“God’s Economic Stimulus Package for His Children”*

(A 360° Perspective of Money)

*“Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much. So if you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches? And if you have not been trustworthy with someone else’s property, who will give you property of your own? No servant can serve two masters. Either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and Money.”* (Luke 16:10-13, p. 741)

**The 6 Biblical principles of “God’s Economic Stimulus Package” for all true Christ-followers...**

### 1. Work

*“If a man will not work - he shall not eat”* (2 Thessalonians 3:10, p. 838)

### 2. Tithing

*“Will a man rob God? Yet you rob Me. “But you ask, ‘How do we rob You?’ “In tithes and offerings. You are under a curse—the whole nation of you—because you are robbing Me. Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in My house. Test Me in this,” says the Lord Almighty, “and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it. “Then all the nations will call you blessed, for yours will be a delightful land,” says the Lord Almighty.”*

(Malachi 3:8-12, p.676)

**The two essential issues of tithing are: trusting God and obeying God.**

### 3. Budgeting

*“Be sure you know the condition of your flocks, give careful attention to your herds; for riches do not endure forever, and a crown is not secure for all generations.”* (Proverbs 27:23-24, p. 468)

A recipe for pain:

ignorance + easy Credit + uncontrolled greed = disaster!

*“The rich rule over the poor, and the borrower is servant to the lender”.* (Proverbs 22:7, p. 464)

*“In the house of the wise are stores of choice food and oil, but a foolish man devours all he has.”* (Proverbs 21:20, p. 464)

God’s Budget: tithe 10%, save 10%, spend 80% with thanksgiving.

### 4. Saving

*“Dishonest money dwindles away, but he who gathers money little by little makes it grow.”* (Proverbs 13:11, p. 457)

### 5. Generosity

*“One man gives freely, yet gains even more; another withholds unduly, but comes to poverty. A generous man will prosper; he who refreshes others will himself be refreshed.”* (Proverbs 11:24-25, p. 456)

### 6. Contentment

*“There are men of corrupt mind who think that godliness is a means to financial gain. But godliness with **contentment** is great gain. For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it, but if we have food and clothing, we will be **content** with that. People who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge men into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs. But you, man of God, flee from all this, and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance and gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called when you made your good confession in the presence of many witnesses.”* (I Timothy 6:5-12, p. 841)

*“Keep your lives free from the love of money - and be **content** with what you have.”* (Hebrews 13:5, p. 853)