

Giving away what I cant keep!



For the “Love of Money” a very popular song by the O’Jays that said- “For the love of money People will steal from their mother, For the love of money, People will rob their own brother, For the love of money, People can't even walk the street Because they never know who in the world they're going to beat For that lean, mean, mean green Almighty dollar, money For the love of money People will lie, Lord, they will cheat For the love of money People don't care who they hurt or beat For the love of money A woman will sell her precious body For a small piece of paper it carries a lot of weight.

This song typifies the American (or for that matter) the World pursuit of money. So much of our lives are tied to money. Things can or cannot get if we do not have it. We work tirelessly to achieve, just to spend it and start over again. It can sometimes be an endless cycle. Question what is money SUPPOSED to be used for (key word supposed). Money in and of itself is neither good nor evil, but the intention of the heart determines its end goal. A one hundred dollar bill can be used to either feed a family or buy illegal drugs. The money is not the problem; the heart behind the money is the bigger issue! Jesus said: where your treasure is that also will your heart be also. WHAT a STATEMENT!! He said my heart is tied to wherever my money is tied to. The greatest indication on whether or not money has you in its grip is a quick look at your check ledger. Where does your money go? Money and its power and influence will only last for a short season. If we use money as a conduit to accomplish things for the greater good of all other than just a selected few, this is not the Robin Hood effect where you rob the rich and give to the poor or modern day socialism.

2 Corinthians 9:6-10 says: Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. ⁷ Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. ⁸ And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. ⁹ As it is written: “They have freely scattered their gifts to the poor; their righteousness endures forever.”¹⁰ Now he who supplies seed to the

sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness.

Application: Scatter your seed (money) in a way that bring forth a bountiful harvest. Remember things that count, the things that ultimately do not have a price tag. Use money for what it was designed for- and that is a tool in the hands of a skilled workman