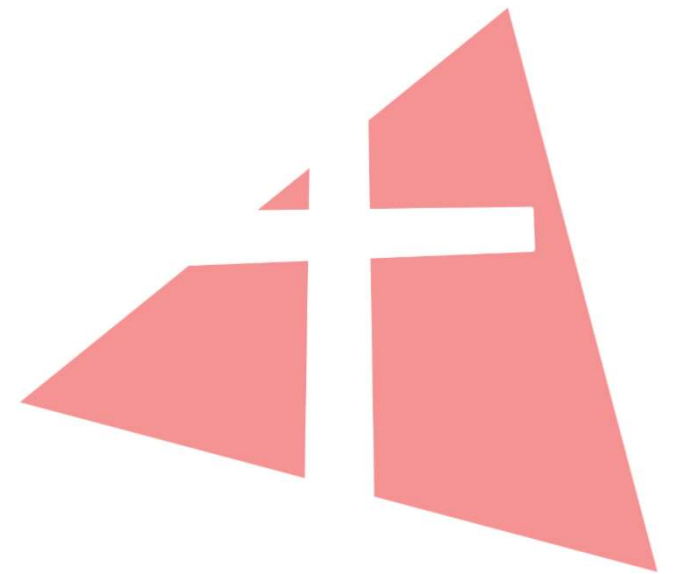


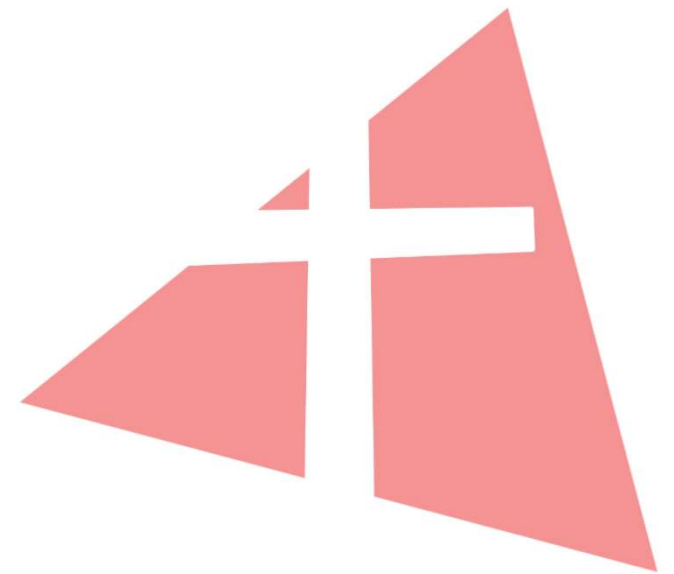
Money (Part 1)

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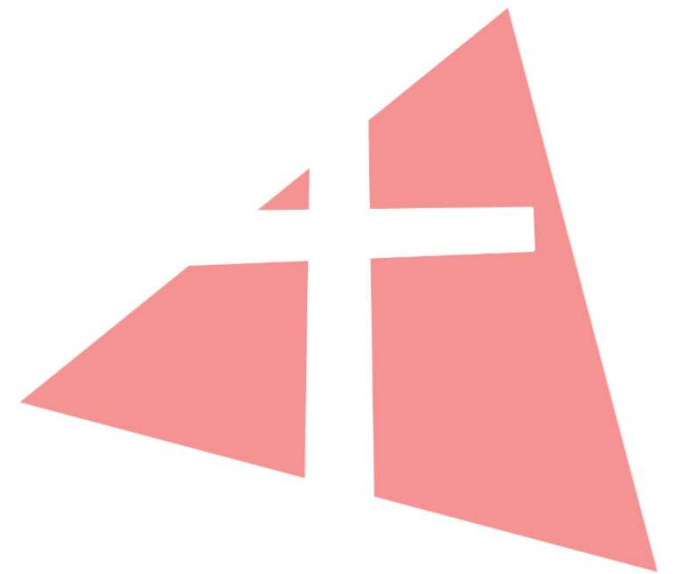
Topics for this series

- **Heart attitudes**
- **Practical part**
 - Giving
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Realities

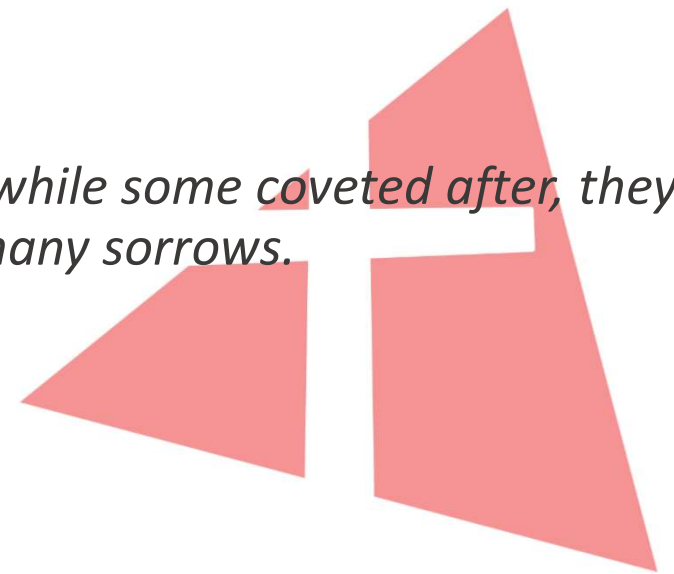
- **We all need money**
- **The Bible talks more about money than any other topic**



Bible's warning

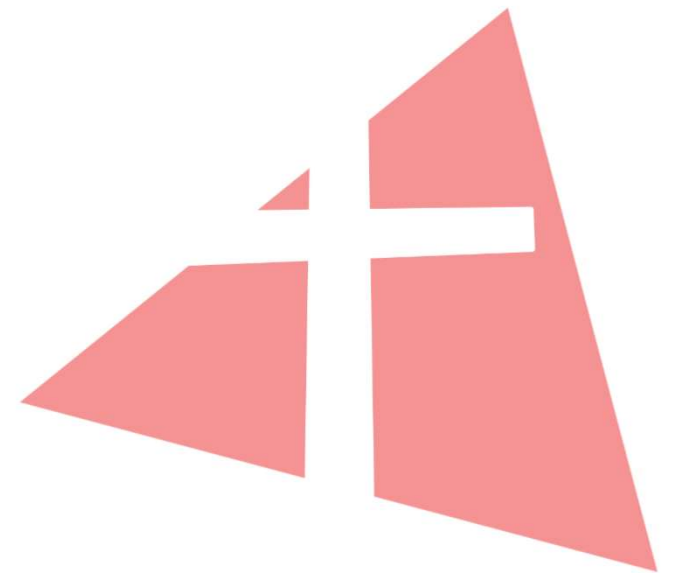
Matthew 19:24 And again I say unto you, It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God.

1 Timothy 6:10 For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.



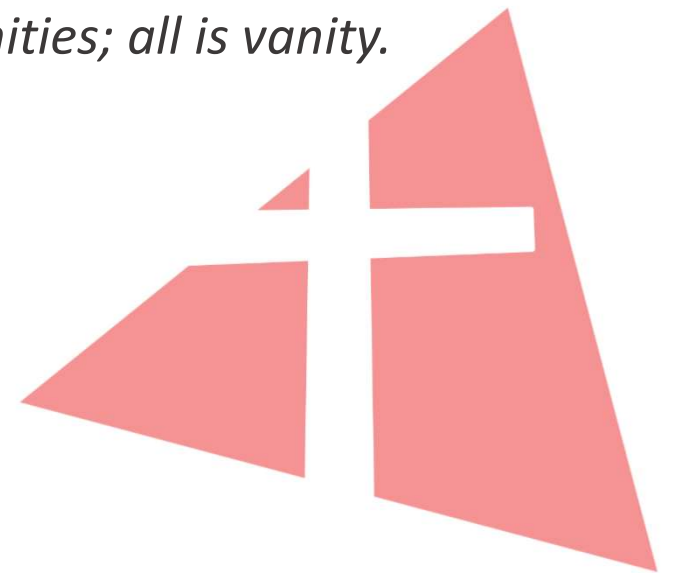
2 rich people

- Solomon



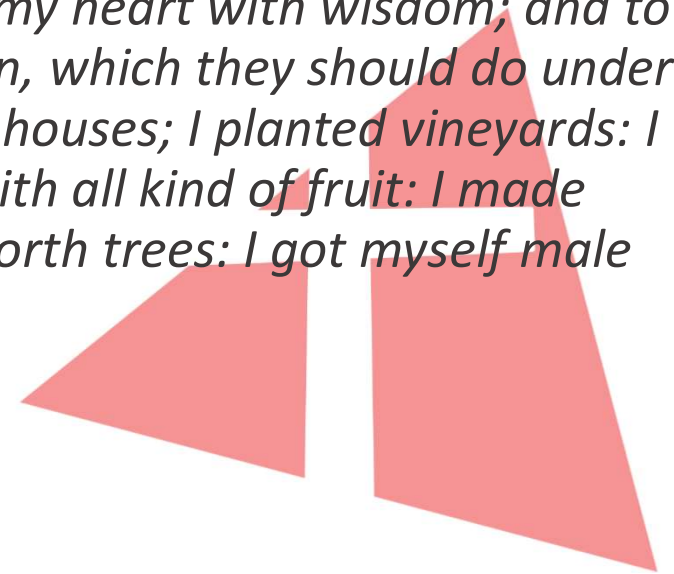
Solomon

Ecclesiastes 1:2 Vanity of vanities, says the Preacher, vanity of vanities; all is vanity.



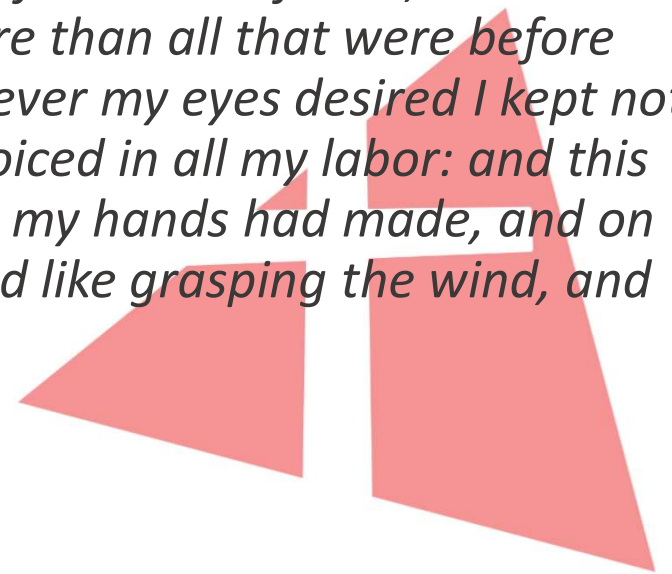
Solomon

Ecclesiastes 2:1-11 I said in my heart, Come now, I will test you with mirth, therefore enjoy pleasure: and, behold, this also is vanity. I said of laughter, It is mad: and of mirth, What use is it? I sought in my heart to give myself unto wine, yet acquainting my heart with wisdom; and to lay hold on folly, till I might see what was good for the sons of men, which they should do under heaven all the days of their life. I made myself great works; I built houses; I planted vineyards: I made myself gardens and orchards, and I planted trees in them with all kind of fruit: I made myself pools of water, with which to water the forest that brings forth trees: I got myself male and female servants, and had servants born in my house;



Solomon

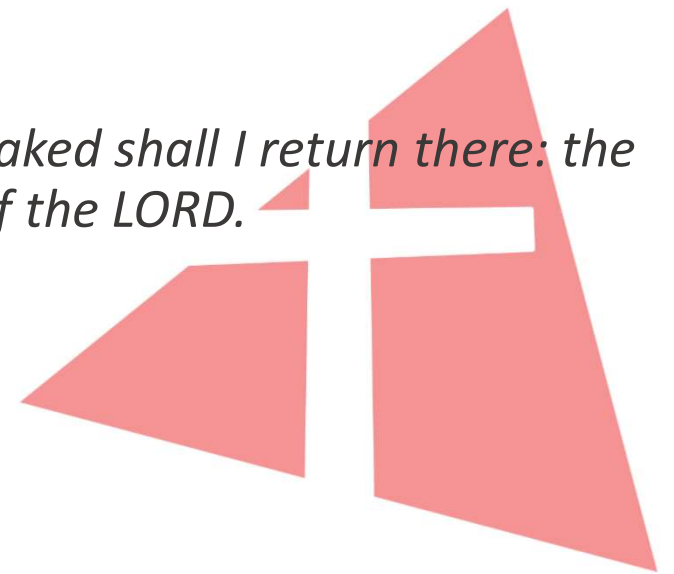
also I had great possessions of great and small cattle more than all that were in Jerusalem before me: I gathered for myself also silver and gold, and the special treasures of kings and of the provinces: I got men singers and women singers, the delights of the sons of men, and musical instruments of all sorts. So I was great, and increased more than all that were before me in Jerusalem: also my wisdom remained with me. And whatsoever my eyes desired I kept not from them, I withheld not my heart from any joy; for my heart rejoiced in all my labor: and this was my reward of all my labor. Then I looked on all the works that my hands had made, and on the labor that I had expended on it: and, behold, all was vanity and like grasping the wind, and there was no profit under the sun.



2 rich people

- Job

Job 1:21 And said, Naked came I out of my mother's womb, and naked shall I return there: the LORD gave, and the LORD has taken away; blessed be the name of the LORD.



What Job knew

- **Everything belongs to God**

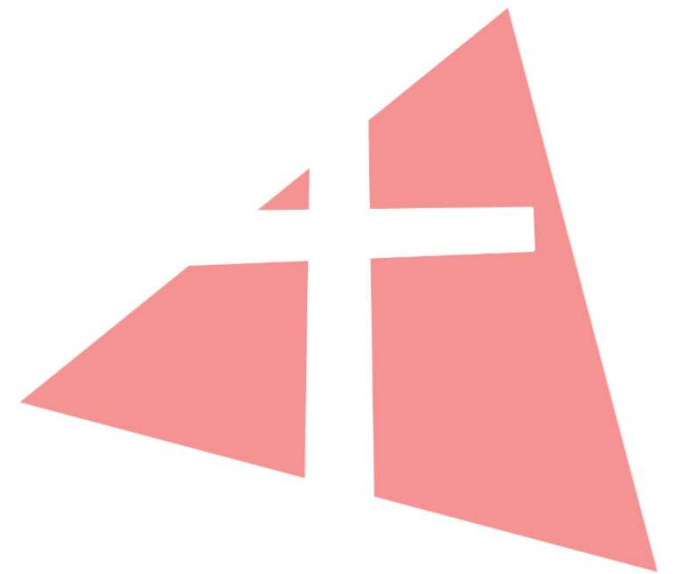
Psalms 24:1 The earth is the LORD'S, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein.

Psalms 89:11 The heavens are yours, the earth also is yours: as for the world and the fulness thereof, you have founded them.



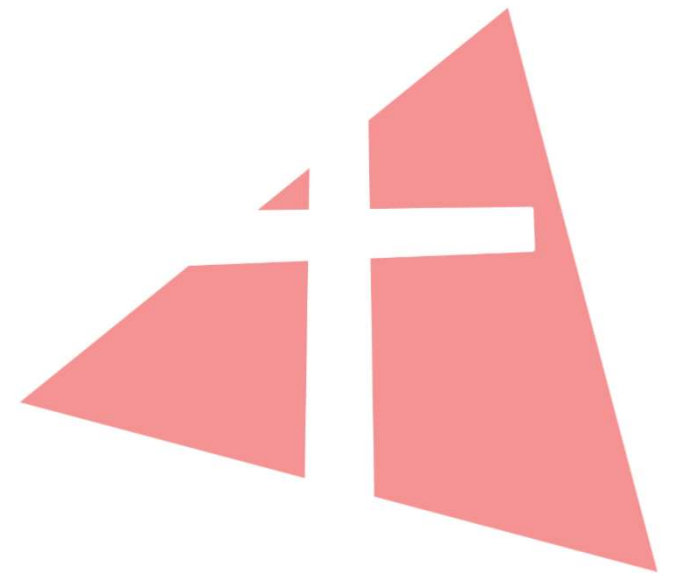
Our role

- **We do not own anything**
- **We are stewards/managers of God's possessions**



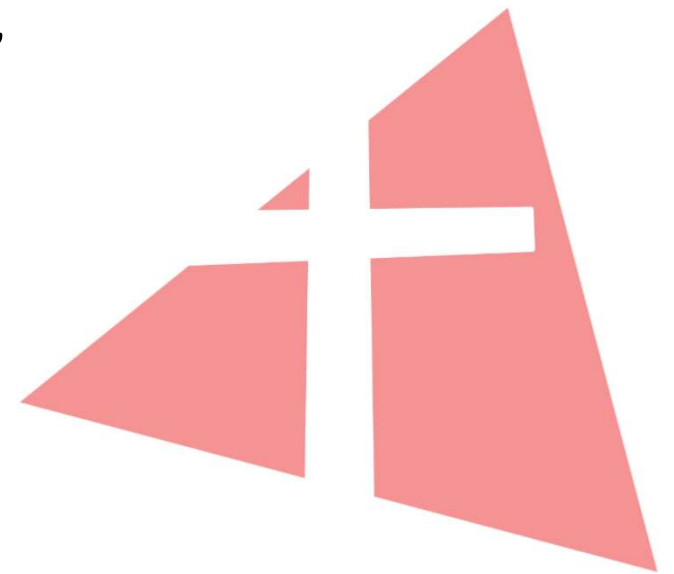
What about giving?

- **Old Testament: Sacrifices**
- **New Testament: Tithing**



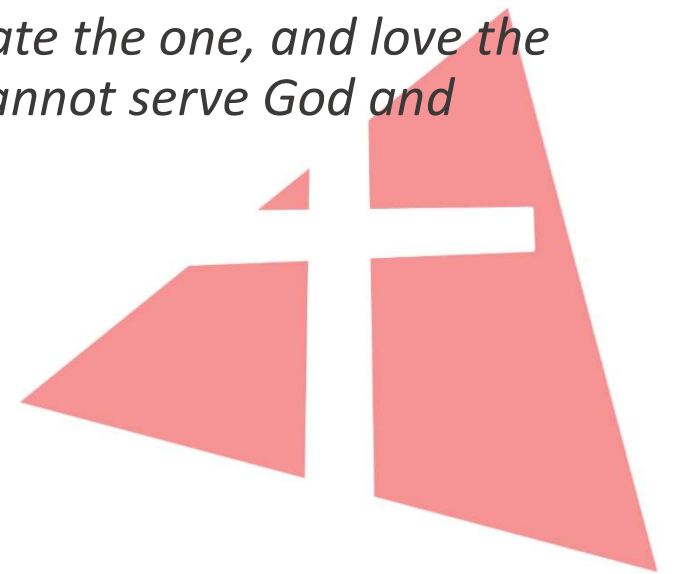
The link

- Faith is not directly connected to “how much money we have”
- Faith is directly connected with “how we view money”



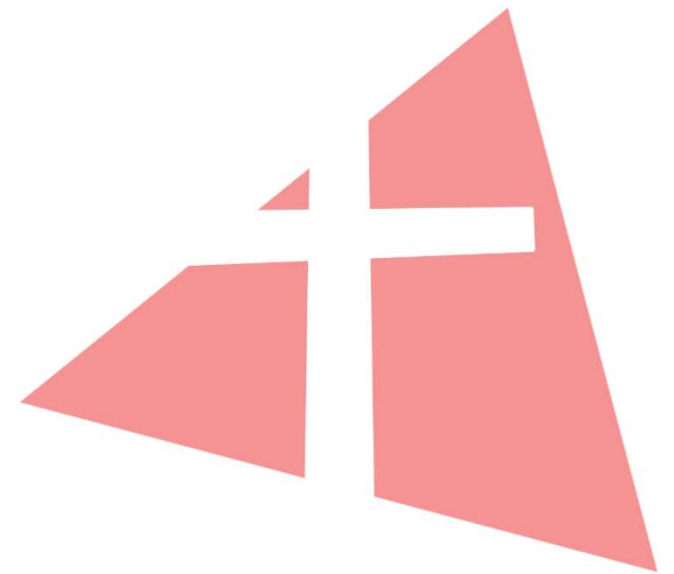
Where do we put our trust?

Matthew 6:24 No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon.



Where do we put our trust?

- **Trusting in Jesus enables us to live a very different life**



What God promised

- **God did promise to provide for all our needs**

Psalms 37:25 I have been young, and now am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his offspring begging bread.

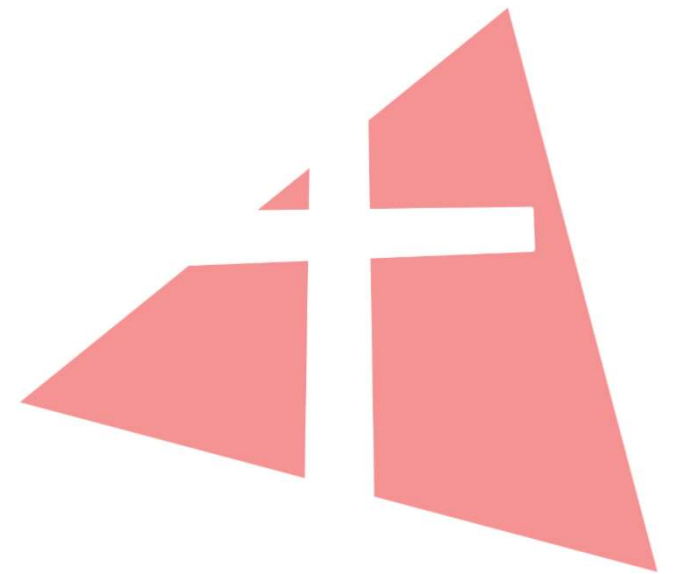
- **God did NOT promise to provide for all our wants**

1 Timothy 6:6-8 But 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 let us be with these things content.



Next topics

- **Some more principles**
- **Practical part**
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In conclusion

- **God owns everything**
- **Our responsibility**
 - Not to provide for ourselves
 - But to trust Jesus and to manage
- **Who do I trust? And who do I serve?**

