

Healing in Finances Ecclesiastes ch. 5

Finances are one of the biggest sources of stress.

Be aware of quick rich schemes, rather be a faithful worker:
Proverbs 12:11, 14; 13:11; 14:23; 21:25

Warning: Health, wealth and prosperity gospel

- 1) The Gospel is not about how much we get but how much we give.
- 2) We need to put our focus on heavenly things not on earthly.
- 3) God does not always bring great wealth to us based on our spiritual enthusiasm.
- 4) God does not always heal from disease and may allow death to come sooner than later.
- 5) The sovereignty and plan of God are mysteries.
- 6) God wants us to ask Him for our daily bread and not a list of all of our wants for the next 20 years.

Some ways to find financial healing:

1. **Get out of debt.** Proverbs 22:26, 27, 7

The biblical principle: Pay what you owe people. Romans 13:7-8

2. **Stay out of Debt.**
 - a. Don't spend what you don't have.
 - b. Realize your financial weaknesses and temptations.
 - c. Live by a different priority system: not me first, but God's kingdom and His desires for me first. Matthew 6:33.
3. **Find meaning in what you do.** Colossians 3:17, 23-24
4. **Set your financial priorities.** Proverbs 21:20; 30:24-25; Haggai 2:8; Psalm 24:1

5. **Be disciplined.** Proverbs 21:20

6. **Live a simple life.** Ecclesiastes 12:13-14

7. **Be Rich Towards God.** Luke 12:21; Psalm 37:21

Our financial security can only be found in Christ who makes all things new.

2 Corinthians 8:9: "For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich."

For further reflections read Ecclesiastes chapter 5.