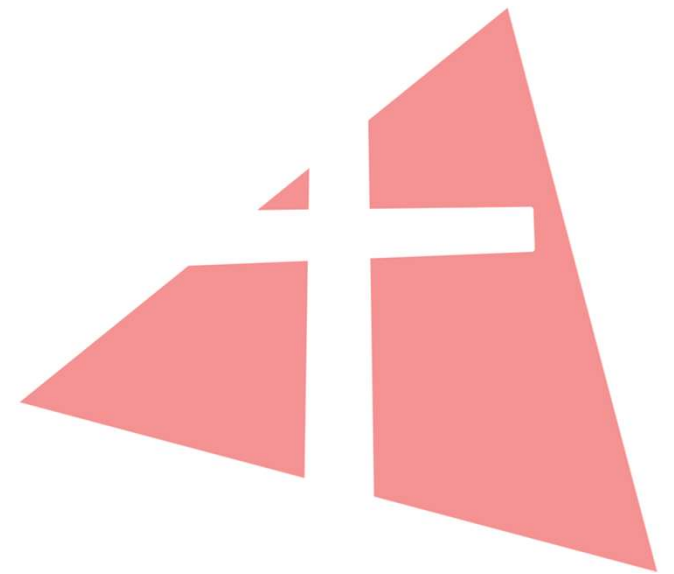


# Money: The Basics

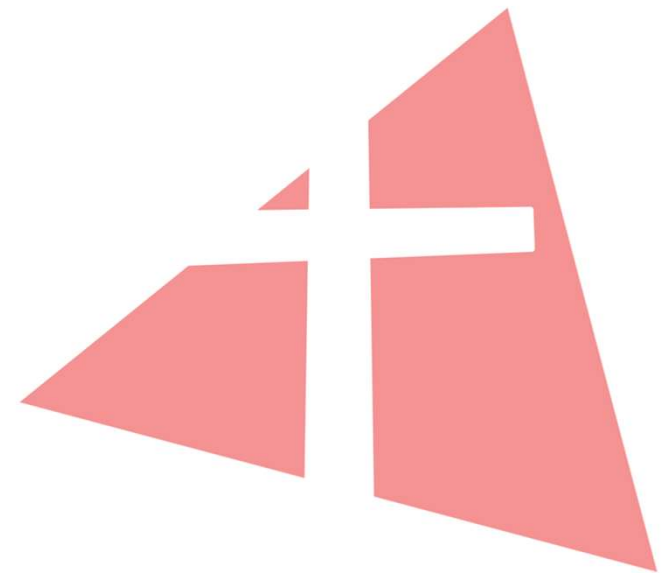
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# Our Series

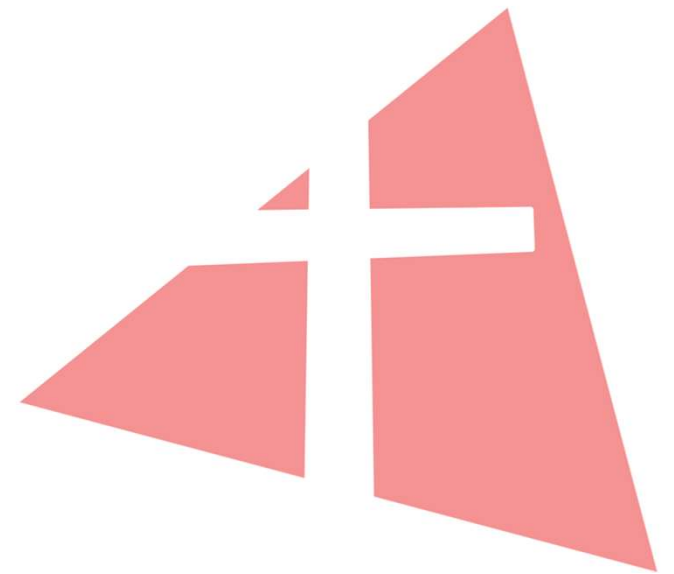
## ○ **The Bible on Money**

- Bible's Teaching
- Our Role
- Heart Attitudes
- Best Practices
- ...



# Some Foundations

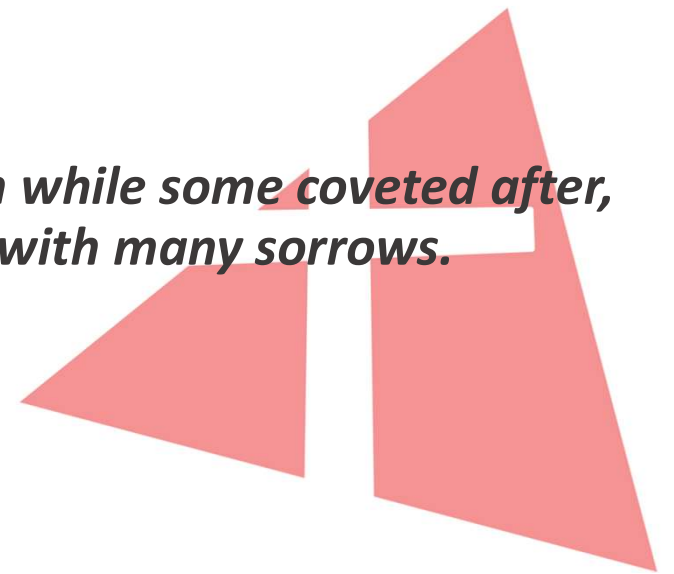
- **We all need money**
  - God uses money to provide for our needs
- **Money in itself is neither good nor bad**
- **The Bible talks more about money than about any other topic**



# Money can be dangerous

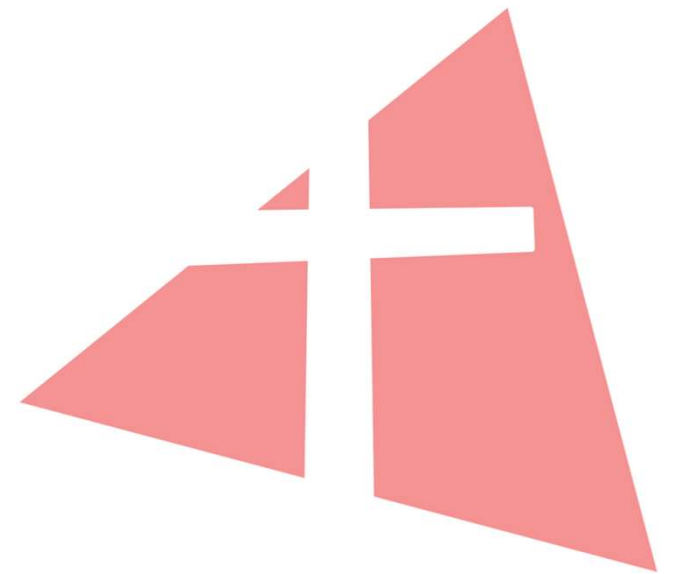
*Matthew 19:24 And again I say unto you, It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God.*

*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



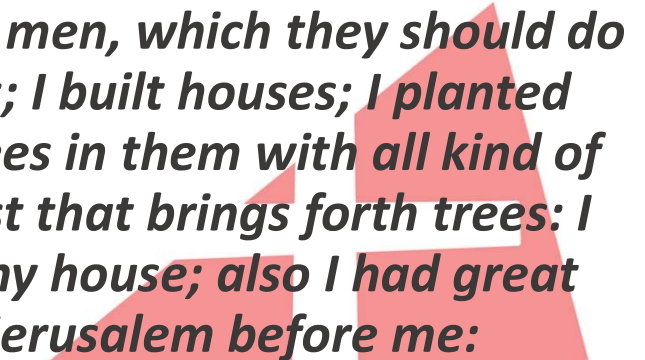
# Solomon

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



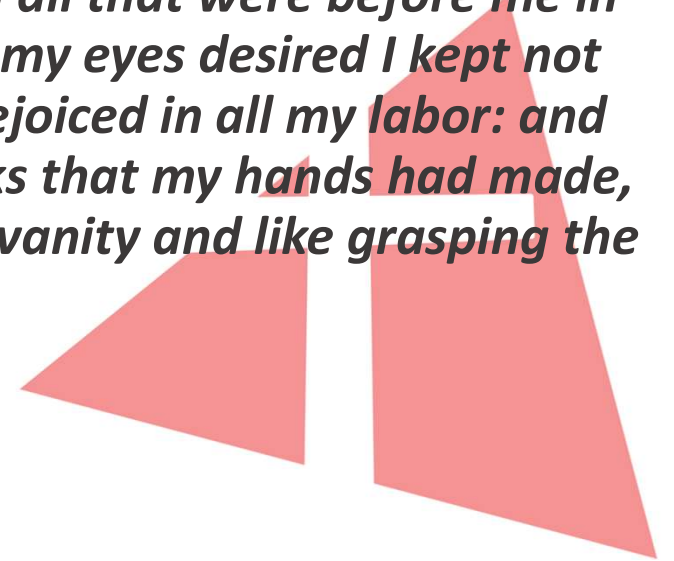
# Solomon

*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; also I had great possessions of great and small cattle more than all that were in Jerusalem before me:*



# Solomon

*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.*





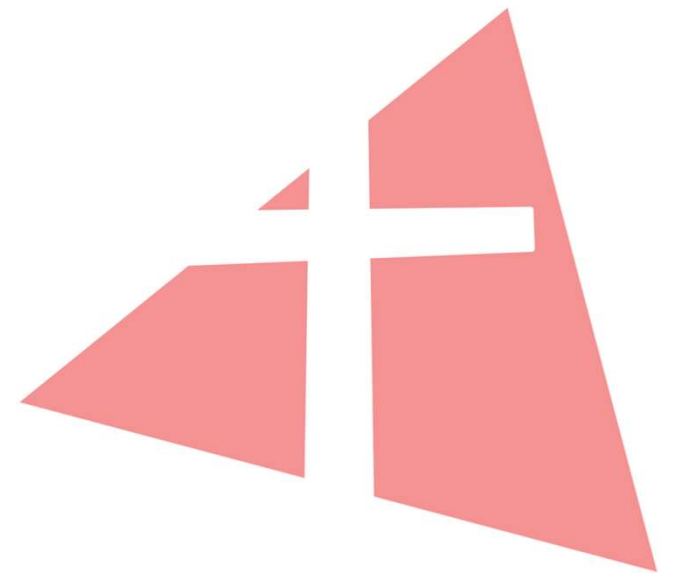
# Job

*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 Gods**



# What Job knew

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

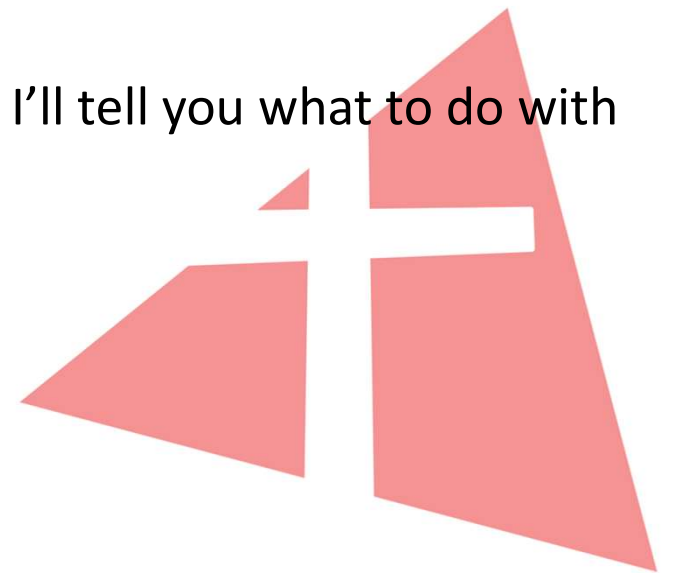
*Psalm 24:1 The earth is the LORD'S, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein.*

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



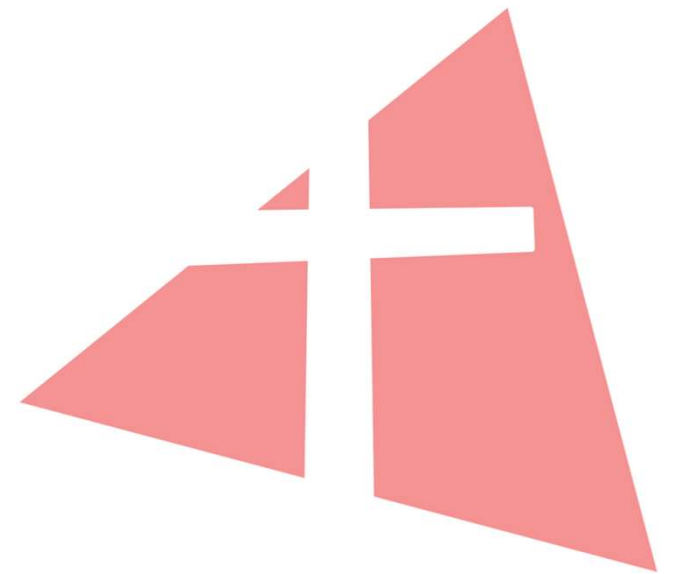
# Imagine

- **A rich person gives you 1 Mio. Euro**
  - It's a gift, do with it whatever you want
  - You can take some for yourself, but the rest is still mine, and I'll tell you what to do with the rest
  - All is still mine, I'll tell you what I want you to do with it



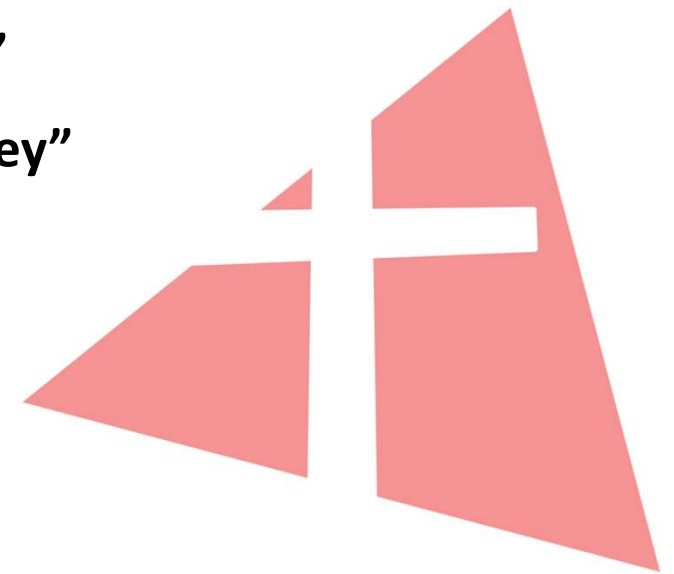
# But I earned the money I have?

- **Apart from God, we have no abilities to earn anything**



# Is the Prosperity Gospel Biblical?

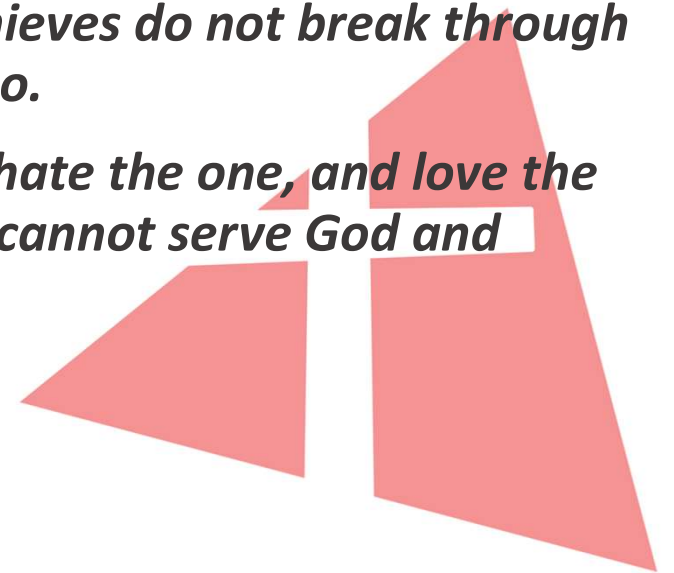
- Faith is not directly connected to “how much money we have”
- Faith is directly connected to “how we view and manage money”



# Jesus' Words

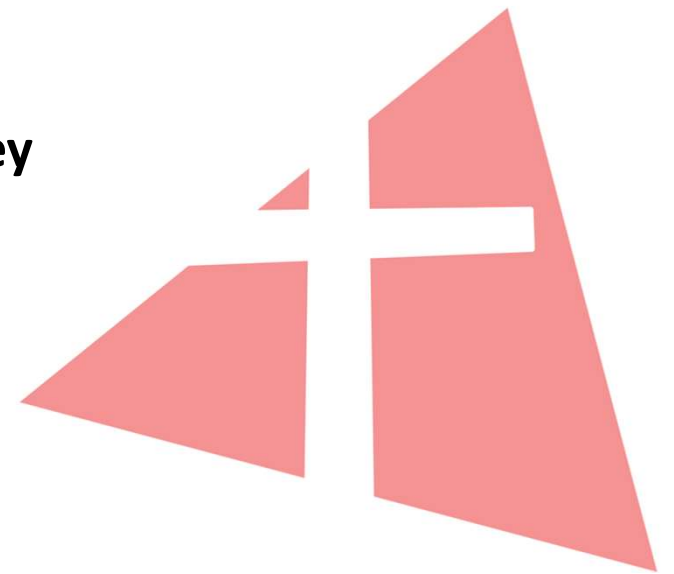
*Matthew 6:19-21 Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust does corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust does corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.*

*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's our Trust?

- **Trusting money prevents us from trusting Jesus**
- **Trusting Jesus allows us to have a very different view on money**





# Needs and Wants

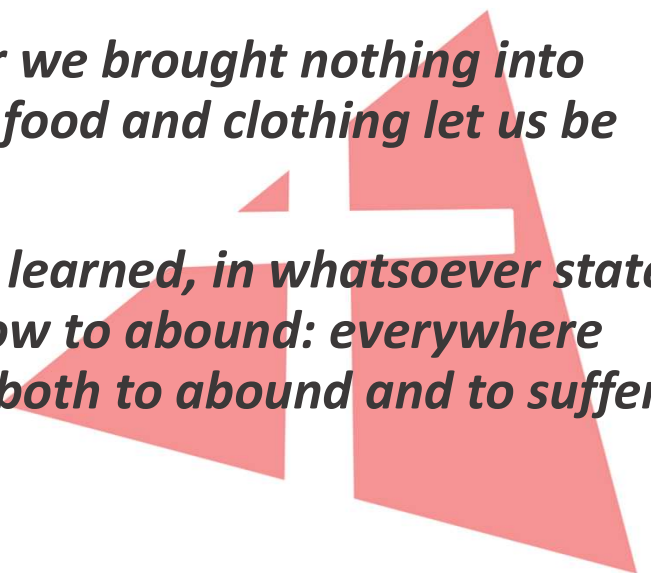
- **God did promise to provide for all our needs**

*Psalm 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**

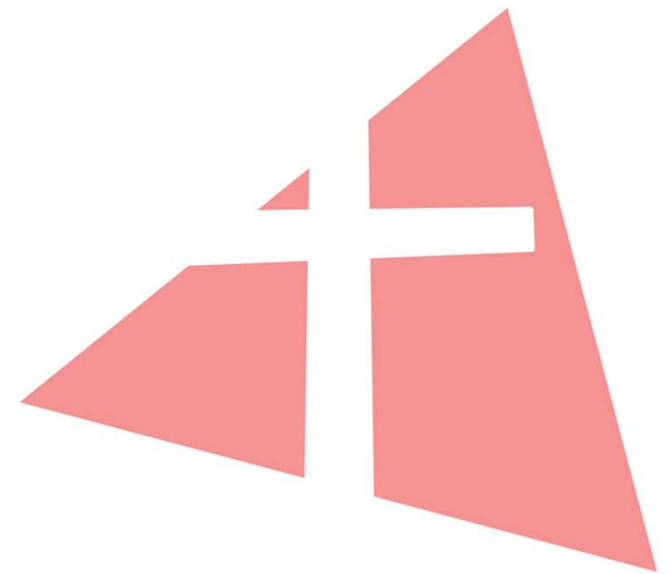
*1 Timothy 6:6-8 But godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. And having food and clothing let us be with these things content.*

*Philippians 4:11-13 Not that I speak in respect of want: for I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, to be content. I know both how to be abased, and I know how to abound: everywhere and in all things I am instructed both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need. I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.*



# Our Series

- **Principles**
- **Practical Steps**
  - Giving
  - Saving
  - Managing the rest
  - Work
  - ...



# In Conclusion

- **We don't own a single Euro that is in our bank account**
  - It all belongs to God
- **How we manage the money God gives us is one of the clearest indicators of the REAL state of our Faith**

