

Financial matters

Those sent by God into service can expect Him to supply their material needs.

God, in some cases, directs a believer to support himself in doing the Lord's work.

That which is valuable must sometimes be destroyed because of the danger of its leading into sin.

Believers should not expect unbelievers to understand or follow Biblical standards in handling money or possessions.

Believers may rightfully give special consideration to other believers.

Believers are not to base their respect for people on their wealth.

Lending and borrowing money are connected with freedom for a nation for a person.

Property Ownership

Property rights should be protected.

An owner has the right to buy, sell, or otherwise dispose of his own property.

The right to privacy in one's home, or freedom from unlawful search is a God given right.

Property ownership is to pass from one generation to another.

Women as well as men have property rights.

One who invests money has a right to a return on his investment providing that return is not gained by taking advantage of the poor.

Though voluntary communal ownership has Scriptural precedent for believers,. Yet this created problems and is never recommended in the Epistles .

Problems related to money and property

Love of material things leads to problems.

Wealth and prosperity themselves can lead to problems.

Poverty may result from several causes about which God warns us.

One who is security for another's debts is courting trouble.

Work and attitude towards it

Work is part of God's plan for man.

Honest work results in personal satisfaction.

God approves of and rewards diligence.

One who looks for excuses not to work will accomplish little.

Men are to plan ahead, but also consider God's will in their planning.

Business Principles

Business must be conducted honestly.

Business should be conducted with proper safeguards.

Employers must be fair to workers.

Employees must serve employers faithfully as unto the Lord.

A break in the work week is God's plan, in remembrance of God's rest at the end of the creation week, and in response to the needs of men and animals.

The terms of any business deal should be based on the needs of both parties.

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History

Our Attitude

- God directed that written records be kept.
- God wants us to know history
- God expects us to learn from history.
- God has a plan He is carrying to completion.
- God's dealings in history reveal God.
- God holds believers responsible for fitting in with His plan and being his instruments.

God's Relationship to historical events

- God is sovereign and no man or nation can overrule him.
- God is never taken by surprise.
- God plans the history of nations with purpose.
- God controls rise and fall of rulers.
- God leads rulers when they seek His guidance.
- God uses heathen nations to accomplish his purposes.
- God deals with individuals as well as with nations.
- Sometimes God withholds judgment due to bring honor to his name.
- In a time of general judgment, God often, though not always, spares those who trust in Him.
- God has frequently revealed to His servants future events not seen by others.

Nations and their relationship to God.

- God is interested in all nations and all persons from those nations.
- History of nations is dependent on their responses to God and to his people
- No nation is secure if it departs from God or exalts itself above Him.
- Though God uses one nation to judge another, this does not relieve that nation from responsibility to God.
- God has a special place and future for Israel.
- God has promised that the descendants of Ishmael—Arabs-- will be a great nation.
- Satan's opposition to God has affected the history of nations.
- All nations will ultimately worship God.

Geography

- God is responsible for the contour of the earth
- God controls creation (nature).
- Natural resources belong to God.
- We are stewards of the land and responsible to care for it.
- Land is polluted because of our sin.
- God's desire is that man populate the earth rather than congregate and make a name for himself.
- God originated languages to keep men scattered.
- God distributed land to tribes and nations. He is concerned about boundaries.
- God is concerned for all no matter where they live nor their status.
- All nations are related.

Economics

Attitudes toward money and possessions

- Good things are gifts from God.
- Believers are stewards of God's possessions, not independent owners.
- Material goods are not a goal in life.
- Money is entrusted to us for use as God purposes.
- God is the supplier of material needs.
- Money will not buy spiritual blessing.
- Attitude towards money is a good index of general attitude.
- Prosperity depends on obedience to God and favor from Him.

Giving

- The tithe is God's minimum—law, practice and NT.
- God bless the generous.
- Giving to God should be in proportion to the way God has prospered us.
- Giving to the Lord is private.
- Offerings should be fairly and justly handled.
- Those who serve the Lord full time should also give of their substance to the Lord.
- God expects both individuals and churches to be generous.
- God's way of providing with needs is though the gifts of his people.