

Declare Your Financial Independence Day

Introduction: *Regardless of how much we try to ignore the problem, America is in the midst of an economic tsunami. Are we be ready? The Wall Street Journal reports that 70% of all Ameri-cans are living from paycheck to paycheck. Satan is a liar whose purpose is to “steal, kill, and destroy” us (John 8:44; 10:10). He doesn’t want us to know the biblical truths about managing the finances God has entrusted to us because Satan knows that if we do, God’s truths will set us free from financial bondage (Jn.8:32).*

I. _____ Satan Tells That Sound Like Truth

A. All the Church Talks About is Money

“16 out of Christ’s 38 parables deal with money. More is said in the NT about money than the topics of heaven and hell combined.....and while there are 500 plus verses on prayer and faith, there are over 2,000 verses dealing with money and possessions.” (John MacArthur in “Mastery of Materialism”)

Matthew 6:24,21; Hosea 4:6; Matthew 13:4,18&19

B. Money and Things Can Make Me Happy

Ecclesiastes 5:10&11; 2:10&11; Luke 12:15; 16:27-31

C. It’s My Money and I’ll Do With it What I Want

Luke 12:13-21; Job 1:21

Psalm 24:1; I Cor.10:26; Acts 17:24; Ps.50:10&11

Haggai 2:8; Deuteronomy 8:17&18

I Cor.4:2; Matt.25:14-30; Romans 14:12; II Cor.5:10

“Destruction is certain for those who say that evil is good and good is evil” (Isaiah 5:10)

II. _____ Satan Twists to Sound Like Lies

A. God Demands Everything From Me

Galatians 2:20; Rom.12:1; Matt.6:33; Genesis 22:1&2

Matthew 19:16-22, 27-30; I Cor.4:7

Jeremiah 9:24; I Cor.1:31; II Cor.10:17; Col.3:23

B. God Can Remove His Blessing as well as Give It

Deuteronomy 30:11-20; Daniel 3:28-30; 4:28-30, 34-37

Acts 12:20-24; Job 1:21

II Chronicles 16:9; Gen.12:1-3; Matt.7:7-11

C. Giving to God Begins My Journey Out of My Financial Mess

II Corinthians 9:6-11; Luke 6:38

Conclusion: What day will you declare as your financial independence day by placing your dependence upon only Jesus?