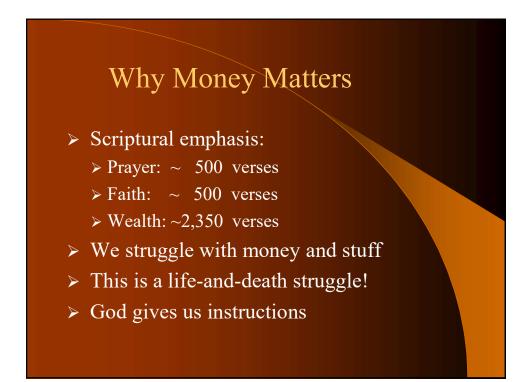


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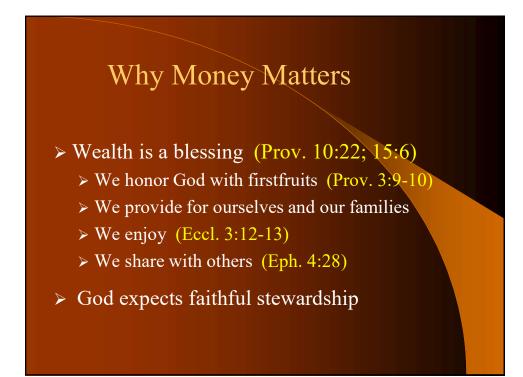
Money Matters

- > Why money matters
- Attitudes toward money
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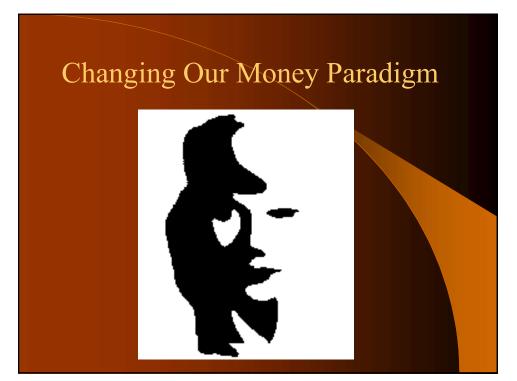
Why Money Matters

- God is a jealous God
- Whom will we serve? (Mt. 6:24;
 1 Jn. 2:15; Phil. 3:17-20; Col. 3:1-5)
- > We live in the material world (Lk. 12:15)
- > Our treasure and our hearts (Mt. 6:21)
- > Wealth can consume us (Mt. 6)



Attitudes Toward Money

- > Money is the root of all evil
- Money is earthly; hence, unimportant
- > Money is the measure of success
- Money brings happiness
- > Money is the ultimate goal
- > What is God's view?



Changing Our Money Paradigm

- God Expects Faithful Stewardship (1 Cor. 4:2)
- This Includes Financial Stewardship (Prov. 27:23-27)
- > Illustrating Faithful Stewardship

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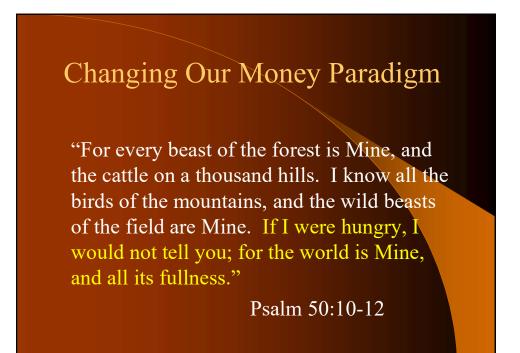
"The earth is the Lord's, and all its fullness, the world and those who dwell therein."

Psalm 24:1

Changing Our Money Paradigm

"For all things come from You, and of Your own we have given You."

1 Chron. 29:14



The Money Paradox

- > Wealth is a blessing, but also a danger
- > My wealth is mine, but it is God's
- > I must use my talents faithfully
- I must try to match my money paradigm with God's
- How does God want me to live?

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How Does God Want Me To Live? "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your

mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God."

Romans 12:1-2