

We Don't Talk About

Part 1: Money

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Take your everyday, ordinary life—your sleeping, eating, going-to-work, and walking-around life—and place it before God as an offering. . . . Don't become so well-adjusted to your culture that you fit into it without even thinking. Instead, fix your attention on God. You'll be changed from the inside out. (Romans 12:1–2, The Message)

How do we respond to tough financial times?

1. Pray: ask God for help

Don't worry about anything instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. Then you will experience God's peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus. (Philippians 4:6–7, New Living Translation)

2. Admit your needs to God's people.

God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble. (James 4:6, NLT)

Right now you have plenty and can help those who are in need. Later, they will have plenty and can share with you when you need it. (2 Corinthians 8:14, NLT)

3. Plan: make a budget!

Know the state of your flocks, and put your heart into caring for your herds, for riches don't last forever. (Proverbs 27:23–24, NLT)

Wherever your treasure is, there the desires of your heart will also be. (Matthew 6:21, NLT)

Now regarding your question about the money being collected for God's people On the first day of each week, you should each put aside a portion of the money you have earned. (1 Corinthians 16:1–2, NLT)

4. Give generously.

You must each decide in your heart how much to give. And don't give reluctantly or in response to pressure. 'For God loves a person who gives cheerfully.'" And God will generously provide all you need. Then you will always have everything you need and plenty left over to share with others. (2 Corinthians 9:7–8, NLT)

5. Vote wisely!

When the godly are in authority, the people rejoice. But when the wicked are in power, they groan. (Proverbs 29:2, NLT)

6. Put your life in God's hands.

Everything in the heavens and on earth is yours, O Lord, and this is your kingdom. We adore you as the one who is over all things. Wealth and honor come from you alone, for you rule over everything Everything we have has come from you, and we give you only what you first gave us! (1 Chronicles 29:11–12, 14, NLT)