



Asbury Church

OCTOBER 27, 2019
SERMON NOTES
“A CLEAR OBJECTIVE”
I CHRONICLES 29:10-14



I. Introduction/review

- A. Money can add meaning to your life, but it’s not the meaning of life.
- B. Your self-control determines who is in control of your money.
- C. People have a variety of _____ when it comes to their finances.
 - 1) Provide for my family.
 - 2) Make as much as I can.
 - 3) Save as much as possible.
 - 4) Spend as much as possible.
 - 5) Financial freedom.

II. David’s prayer

- A. David wanted to build a house for _____. (The Temple)
- B. David says that _____ belongs to God and comes from God.
- C. David says that everything is ultimately _____ by God.

III. Our response

- A. Our objective should be to _____ God with everything we have.
- B. God doesn’t want something from you, he wants something _____ you.
- C. Honoring God with your resources will look _____ for everyone because it will be based on your circumstances.
 - 1) Give more
 - 2) Save more
 - 3) Spend less
 - 4) Liquidate something
 - 5) Get out of debt
 - 6) Enjoy it more. (Eccl. 5:18)

Things I would like to remember about this message:

Asbury Daily Study Guide

INTRODUCTION

What is the one thing you are trying to accomplish with your money? What is your objective? People have a variety of answers when it comes to their financial goals but as a follower of Jesus how can you determine what that objective should be?

Monday: 1 Chronicles 29:9-14

As the end of his life and reign drew near, David invited the Israelites to join him in giving the materials Solomon would need to build the Temple in Jerusalem. The people's response (in a process a bit like our congregation's stewardship commitments) was much more generous than anyone had expected. David then praised God for this response. When David praised the Lord, who did he say that wealth, honor, strength and power came from? Is this still true?

Tuesday: Matthew 25:14-30

How would you describe the central message of these verses? What resources has God placed in your life? How are you using these resources to serve God? Can you think of examples where you or others have "buried" their God-given resources?

Wednesday: Matthew 19:16-30

Jesus called this young man to be brave enough to reset his priorities. He wasn't able to do it. He went away sad, which suggests that he wanted to follow Jesus. Is Jesus asking us to do the same as this young man? Why or why not? Honoring God with our resources will look differently for different people. How has God called you to honor Him with your resources?

Thursday: Deuteronomy 8:10-18

"...remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you the ability to produce wealth..." Do you believe that most people, when they achieve success, give all the credit to themselves, or do they recognize God's involvement? What can we do to remember God both in times of abundance and in times of scarcity? Has God provided enough (or even more than enough) for your needs? In what ways has God done that?

Friday: Luke 12:13-21

Surely there is a line between adequately planning for our remaining days on the one hand, and hoarding riches far beyond our needs. What is your vision of being "rich toward God"? What kind of riches last for all eternity? If our possessions don't determine the quality of our life, what does? After you are gone, do you want to be remembered? If so, what do you want to be remembered for? How should this affect your offerings to God?

MOVING FORWARD

Scripture teaches us that everything belongs to God; everything comes from God; everything is distributed by God as he sees fit. If that is the case, then what should be the one thing that drives all of our financial decisions and all the decisions that have anything to do with our stuff? The one driving force is that we should **honor God with everything we have**. This is not simply about giving; this is about living. Honoring God with your resources will be different for different people. This week pray "God, show me how to honor you with everything I have."

Answers to the sermon notes:

- IA) objectives.
- IIA) God, B) everything, C) dispensed.
- IIIA) honor, B) for, C) different.