

WEEK 7 | HOW DOES GOD VIEW MONEY?

WEEKLY OVERVIEW

This week in Rooted we are asking and answering the question, "How Does God View Money?" This week is all about aligning our view of money with God's as we consider what steps He might ask us to take as we place deeper trust in Him to provide for our needs and as we act in faith by living generously.

NOTE

- Your Companion Guide will instruct you each day to view a video clip and read in your Rooted Workbook.
- You will answer questions in your Companion Guide.
- Videos are online and can be accessed using the QR code below.

DAILY WORK

Day 1: It's a Heart Issue | Watch Video 1 and read pages 158-160

Day 2: In God We Trust | Watch Video 2 and read pages 174-175

Day 3: Joining God in His Work | Watch Video 3 and read pages 166-168

Day 4: Owner vs. Manager | Watch Video 4 and read pages 162-164

Day 5: Freedom From Debt | Watch Video 5 and read pages 170-171

VIDEOS

<https://www.thecreek.org/rooted/week-7>



MEMORY VERSE

"Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." -Matthew 6:19-21

EXTRA RESOURCES

- Financial Peace University (typically offered in January)
- Moneywise class and budgeting workshops (offered monthly)

BEFORE YOU BEGIN...

Pause and ask God to show you what is most important for you to pay attention to in today's reading and reflection questions. Ask Him to help you surrender any concern over getting it right and instead focus on what He wants you to learn about who He is and what He wants to show you today.



DAY 1: IT'S A HEART ISSUE

Begin by watching the Rooted Money Video #1. Once finished, read pages 158-160 in your Rooted Workbook and prayerfully answer the following questions.

- In Dan's video, he mentioned finances being the number one cause of stress in the United States. How has financial anxiety revealed where your trust lies? What might God be inviting you to surrender in this area?
- Perhaps the greatest shift in attitude when it comes to money is realizing everything really belongs to God and it is yet another opportunity to glorify Him with our finances. Reflect on this truth while reading through the list of Scriptures on pages 159-160. Circle words and phrases that stand out to you and pray through one specific passage.

DAY 2: IN GOD WE TRUST

Watch the Rooted Money Video #2. Then, read pages 174-175 in your Rooted Workbook and prayerfully answer the following questions.

- Dan defined contentment as an attitude of “enough” and being grateful for what we have. Furthermore, today’s Rooted content elaborated on this idea by saying, “At the end of the day it is a matter of trust (page 175).” Describe what contentment looks like to you. Where is God inviting you to grow in your vision of contentment?
- We’re not saying planning our finances is sinful. In fact, it would be unwise not to do so. However, we fall captive to false security when we rely upon and place trust in ourselves over God. After today’s content, what do you think it looks like to financially plan in submission to God? What does it look like to trust God first and plan out of that trust instead of planning apart from Him?
- Write a short prayer of confession for the times you have misplaced trust and allowed financial anxiety to overrun your trust in God.

DAY 3: JOINING GOD IN HIS WORK

Watch the Rooted Money Video #3. Then, read pages 166-168 in your Rooted Workbook and prayerfully answer the following questions.

- Have you given a tithe or charitable donation to a ministry before, and if so, how did the experience impact you?
- How has your understanding of tithing shaped your attitude about giving?
- Take a moment and ask God to show you how He might be inviting you to view giving as a response to His love.

DAY 4: OWNER VS. MANAGER

Watch the Rooted Money Video #4. Then, read pages 162-164 in your Rooted Workbook and prayerfully answer the following questions.

- When it comes to your own finances, in what ways do you have the approach of an owner and in what ways have you acted as a manager?
- Ponder Proverbs 3:9-10, "Honor the Lord with your wealth, with the first fruits of all your crops..." How do you involve God in your budgeting plans? If this is a new concept to you, how might you invite Him into your spending habits?
- If you have additional time, consider reading the article on page 156: "What is Poverty?" by Pastor Daniel Nunez. How can viewing money as first belonging to God and then stewarding what He has given us actually lead to the opportunity for us to bless others?

DAY 5: FREEDOM FROM DEBT

Watch the Rooted Money Video #5. Then, read pages 170-171 in your Rooted Workbook and prayerfully answer the following questions.

- What has been your experience with financial debt and how has it shaped the way you think or feel about money?
- What steps could you take – whether you are in debt or debt-free – to pursue financial health with accountability and support?

FINAL REFLECTIONS

As you prepare for the conversation in your group, take a few moments to look over the readings and your responses from the past five days.

- What did God teach you this week? What questions do you have?
- What is one way God is inviting you to grow or change from this week's material?
- In light of this time of reflection, what are you asking God for?