In God We Trust? How Can Money Make My Faith Stronger?

1. I increase my _____

Malachi 3:6-9 "Bring all the tithes into the storehouse so there will be enough food in my Temple. If you do," says the LORD of Heaven's Armies, "I will open the windows of heaven for you. I will pour out a blessing so great you won't have enough room to take it in! Try it! Put me to the test!"

2. I believe God's _____

2 Corinthians 9:6-8 Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.

3. I believe my _____

Luke 12:32-34 Sell your possessions and give to the poor. Provide purses for yourselves that will not wear out, a treasure in heaven that will never fail, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys.

4. I want to _____

Matthew 16:18 And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it.

5. I want to ______

Luke 16:13-14 No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money." The Pharisees, who loved money, heard all this and were sneering at Jesus.

Key: God cannot be your God if money is your god **Deuteronomy 14:23** The purpose of tithing is to teach you to always put God first in your lives. (The Living Bible)

6. It is an _____

1 Chronicles 29:14 But who am I, and who are my people, that we should be able to give as generously as this? Everything comes from You, and we have given you only what comes from your hand.

3 Diagnostic Questions To Show Who Is Really Lord Of Your Money JD Greer

- 1) What is "first" in your decisions? Is your first question in finances "What does God want me to do?"
- 2) Does God get the first and best of all you receive?
- *3)* Do you think of yourself as an owner of manager of your resources?

Luke 6:24 But woe to you who are rich, for you have already received your comfort.

Proverbs 22:9 ... He who has a generous eye will be blessed, for he gives of his bread to the poor.

Matthew 16:26 And what do you benefit if you gain the whole world but lose your own soul? Is anything worth more than your soul?

Hosea 13:6 *When I fed them, they were satisfied; when they were satisfied, they became proud; then they forgot me.*

I Timothy 6:10 For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.

"Nothing you have not given away will ever really be yours." CS Lewis