

## Pocket Change

When converted your pockets change...

Our approach to our finances is central to our spiritual lives.

Every financial decision you make is a spiritual decision!!

We'll I own it...stop paying taxes on it and tell me who owns it...

The only time many claim to be a theology is when it comes to money!

I won't say anything that Jesus didn't say.

I will warn you 15% of everything Jesus said dealt with this topic.

(More than heaven and hell combined.)

What we try to do is divorce our faith from our finances.

Typical change – most give less the more he makes...

Attitude on giving changes regularly, but attitude on spending doesn't change.

When Jesus grabs your life things change...pocket change living equals pc giving

Jesus talks about pocket change...

### 1) The Widow

Mark 12:42-44 *"Jesus sat down opposite the place where the offerings were put and watched the crowd putting their money into the temple treasury. Many rich people threw in large amounts. But a poor widow came and put in two very small copper coins, worth only a fraction of a penny. Calling his disciples to him, Jesus said, "I tell you the truth, this poor widow has put more into the treasury than all the others. They all gave out of their wealth; but she, out of her poverty, put in everything—all she had to live on."*

### 2) Zaccheaus

Luke 19: 8-9 *"But Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, "Look, Lord! Here and now I give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount." Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house..."*

### 3) The Church

Acts 2:45 *"Selling their possessions and goods, they gave to anyone as he had need."*

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God doesn't want your two cents on this topic...His plan makes sense...

1 Tim. 6:6-9 *"godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that. People who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge men into ruin and destruction. 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."*

1 Tim. 6:17-19 *"Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life."*

Pocket Change is a moving target...\$20 to me...\$2000 to others  
Gallup \$30K said \$74K if you make that you don't feel rich, but if you made 120K  
Many of us have a combined household income of 100K, but you don't feel rich  
The top income earners in America said they would feel rich if they had 5 million assests  
How much pocket change do we have...over 51% of us at BNC  
Car – 3% of the world own a car-\$4800 (if owned) yearly in fuel, insurance, maintenance  
If you buy 23K financed \$443 average monthly payment...some people have two of them  
Some people have homes for their cars...  
Cable//DSL - \$900 Cell - \$1200 Entertainment - \$1200 Storage - \$600 \$9000/14,3000

What must I do to change my pocket?

Be Intentionally concerning your finances!!

God's intentional plan...

**1) We are just managers not owners**

He gives it to us so he could give through us.

**2)Return to God what belongs to God.**

Leviticus 27:30 *"A tithe of everything from the land, whether grain from the soil or fruit from the trees, belongs to the LORD; it is holy to the LORD. "*

Malachi 3:10a *'Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house.'*

•Tithing teaches me to put God first.

Deuteronomy 14:23 TLB *"The purpose of tithing is to teach you always to put God first in your lives. "*

•Tithing increases my faith in God.

Malachi 3:10b *"Test me in this,' says the Lord Almighty, 'and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it.'*

**3)You must be an intentional giver.**

2 Corinthians 9:7 *"Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."*

Why don't we give the tithe we don't feel like we have it....

Average income in America \$37,000 (top 4%) \$45,000 (top 1%) world wide \$7000

Luke 18:24-25 *"How hard it is for the rich to enter the kingdom of God! Indeed, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God."*

The Problems with being Loaded...

IT IS HARDER FOR YOU TO DEPEND ON GOD.

IT DISTRACTS YOU FROM TRUE PRIORITIES.

Ask God to assist you with changing your pocket...