

## ***It's About Money (Matthew 6:21)***

Introduction: *"It's been a hard winter, sonny"*

### I. WHAT DOES GOD SAY ABOUT OUR USE OF MONEY?

- A. All that we have & are belong to Him (1 Cor. 6:20; Luke 21:1-4; Mtt. 6:21)
- B. Tithing(10% giving) is a guide (Lev. 27:30)
- C. Taxes are to be paid (Mtt. 22:21)
- D. Family needs are to be met (1 Tim.5:8)
- E. Debts are to be paid (Psalm 37:21)
- F. Take care of the poor (Prov.14:31)
- G. Surplus to be used for others (2 Cor. 8:14)

### II. WHAT ABOUT TITHING?

- A. For the Christian, it is not a law...
- B. Here's how it works in my home...
- C. Jesus condemns legalism, but asks for willing obedience (Mtt.23:23)
- D. Avoiding tithing & giving is like robbing God (Malachi 3:8)
- E. Tithing is our response to God's love and goodness (1 Jn.4:19; 2 Cor. 8:9; 1 Jn.3:16-18)
- F. So... where do your offerings go?

### III. DO YOU HAVE A GIVING PLAN?

- A. **Obedience** as a testimony to God's goodness
- B. **Abundance** used to give away instead of self-indulgence
- C. **Sacrifice** for the sake of others, for eternal purposes

Conclusion: *"Whose cookies are they, anyhow?"*