

Good News From Chardon Church of Christ

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What God Wants You to Know about Money

According to the Self-Storage Association, a trade group charged with monitoring such things, the country now possesses about 1.9 billion square feet of personal storage space outside the home. According to a recent survey, the owners of 1 out of every 11 homes, also own a self-storage unit. This represents an increase of 75 percent since 1995. Most operators of self-storage facilities report 90 percent occupancy, with an average time among renters of 15 months.

Amazingly, as the amount of storage space required by homeowners has grown, so has the average size of the American house. In fact, the National Association of Homebuilders reports that the average American house grew from 1,660 square feet in 1973 to 2,400 square feet in 2004. If our houses have grown in size by an average of almost 800 sq. ft., why do we need so much extra storage space? Answer—STUFF.

The reason that Americans have so much extra stuff today is that we have been taught by our culture that we have to have “stuff”—the nice car, the nice house, the latest fashions, the big TV, the best toys for the kids, etc. Of course, there is nothing wrong—in & of itself—with having “things.” The problem often is that we often misuse money in order to get what we want.

On June 7, 2002 the Federal Reserve released this information: 1) Consumer credit card debt stands at \$1.6 trillion. 2) Consumer debt including home mortgages is \$7 trillion; in 2002, debt was double what it was in 1990 and by the next year it was up to 9.3 trillion. For our country, the national debt is now over 16 trillion or \$51,619 for ever man, woman and child in America. 3) Twenty-three percent of the average person’s take-home pay already is committed to payment of existing debt, not including mortgages—which puts the number closer to 50%—this is average so it is much worse for many. 4) Fifty-six percent of all divorces are a result of financial tension in the home.

We often think of money as a subject outside the domain of Scripture, but as we have already seen, Scripture has much to say about money. In this lesson, we are going to examine what God wants you to know about money. Brethren, let us commit ourselves to giving generously to the cause of Christ, so that Jesus might be glorified and souls led to salvation!

About the collection for the poor saints in Jerusalem, Paul writes, “I do not mean that others should be eased and you burdened, but that as a matter of fairness your abundance at the present time should supply their need, so that their abundance may supply your need, that there may be fairness. As it is written, ‘Whoever gathered much had nothing left over, and whoever gathered little had no lack’” (2 Cor.8:13-15).

Are you honoring Jesus in the way that you use the money he has given? Are you honoring Jesus in the way that you use the life he has given? Let us think on these questions as we go through our lesson today.

[Brian Mitchell](#) with the Jackson Church of Christ in Jackson, MO

Schedule of Services

Greeting: Tom

Song Leader: Dale

Opening Hymn:

13—Wonderful Words Of Life

Opening Prayer: Dale

Hymn:

261—Love Lifted Me

Scripture Reading: Ryan

2 Corinthians 8:7-14

Hymn:

297—When My Love To Christ Grows Weak

Lord’s Supper: Robert

Hymn:

77—Hallelujah Praise Jehovah

Sermon: Tom

Invitation Hymn:

607—All Things Are Ready

Closing Hymn:

55—Take Time To Be Holy

Closing Prayer: Ray

**When you look at a field of
dandelions, you can either see a
hundred weeds or a hundred
wishes.**

CALENDAR

Oct. 8—Bible Study 10 am, Worship 11 am
Speaker: Tom

Oct. 10—(a.) Carl & Mary

Oct. 11—Midweek Bible Study with Rob S.

Oct. 11—(b.) Celeste

Oct. 12—(b.) Steven

Oct. 13—(b.) Connor

Oct. 15—Bible Study 10 am, Worship 11 am
Speaker Mark

Oct. 15—(b.) Tom

Oct. 17—(b.) Renee

Oct. 18—Midweek Bible Study with Rob S.

Oct. 22—Bible Study 10 am, Worship 11 am
Speaker Rob S.

SUNDAY: Bible Study—10:00 am, Worship—11:00 am

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Ease the Burden 2 Corinthians 8:7-14

WORD LIST

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| ABOUND | ACCEPTED | ADVICE |
| BURDENED | CHRIST | DILIGENCE |
| DOING | EASED | EQUALITY |
| FAITH | FORWARD | GRACE |
| HAVE | JESUS | KNOW |
| KNOWLEDGE | LORD | LOVE |
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| POVERTY | PROVE | RICH |
| SAKE | SINCERITY | SPEAK |
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PRAYER LIST

Mynda's sisters-in-law Father's declining health.
Her Injured Achilles tendon. As she travels.
Nina & Tom health issues
Mark and **Debbie** as they travel. **Mark's** heart and
back and upcoming procedures
Tom's Bible Study with **Roberta, Channing,**
and **Kris.**
Bonnie as she travels. grandsons **Devin & Dakota**
Wanda's migraines; son **Allen,** sisters **Lorraine &**
Joyce . Her **niece Nikki** in bad accident
Her **niece** had a heart attack
Mary and family. Mary's friend **Aubrey's** pregnancy.
Kathy, is home Her sister and friends. She is healing
Linda's health, **Tiffany's** health & stress & family
2 1/2 year old baby with terminal cancer.
Zarna and her family
Juanita, is at Briar Hill rehab room 100, her sister
Betty under hospice care at Briar Hill,
and the rest of her family.
Ray and **Barbara** and their family.
Dale's health issues, headaches and his family.
His **Mother.** heart and lungs. 7 year old
girl, **Lucie,** with leukemia. His uncle **James.**
Cousin **Kenny** hernia, Cousin **Joshua** heart
Issues, Cousin **Randal** physical & mental
health
Ray's and his family. **Rebecca's** knee & illness
Asher's upcoming surgery
Pat and her family
Robert's friend **Freeman** with cancer
Randy health issues & tests
Brenda's voice, sister **Linda** and sister-in-law
Linda as they struggle with cancer. **Her** son
Mark heart, granddaughter **Amanda**
Lenise—knee problems.
Connie, Sara's mom, heart issues

2 Corinthians 8:7-14

⁷Therefore, as ye abound in everything, in faith, and utterance, and knowledge, and in all diligence, and in your love to us, see that ye abound in this grace also. ⁸I speak not by commandment, but by occasion of the forwardness of others, and to prove the sincerity of your love. ⁹For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich. ¹⁰And herein I give my advice: for this is expedient for you, who have begun before, not only to do, but also to be forward a year ago. ¹¹Now therefore perform the doing of it; that as there was a readiness to will, so there may be a performance also out of that which ye have. ¹²For if there be first a willing mind, it is accepted according to that a man hath, and not according to that he hath not. ¹³For I mean not that other men be eased, and ye burdened: ¹⁴But by an equality, that now at this time your abundance may be a supply for their want, that their abundance also may be a supply for your want: that there may be equality: