

The Fall Round UP - money  
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I have a feeling that we should think together about money in regard to our fall round up. We often hear the expression "money talks." It does have a good deal to say in the fall.

For your encouragement I want to say that, as a result of the Pre-Easter Campaign here are items that we have paid in full that we had not paid this time last year -

1. Just perennage 2. Administration fund 3. Jurisdictional assessment 4. Bishops fund. 5. Conference claimants or old preachers - This fund alone is \$246<sup>00</sup>

We lack about \$500 on Benevolence. This is no more than we were behind on this item this time last year. We are setting a goal Oct 18th as the day to have this off.

- To look after the finances is scriptural
1. Paul after talking about immortality in 15th chapter of 1st Cor. suddenly says "Now about the Collection - Read I Cor 13: 54-58 + 16: 1. He saw an inseparable connection between immortality and the Collection - There can be no immortality without generosity. men live forever if they give forever.

"Praying without faith is like pumping where there is no water" A life that never gives is just as fruitless.

I. Paul calling in millets - he called for a meeting of the Elders. He had much to say to them but he dissuaged it by giving out an expression of Jesus that we would never have known if Paul had not told it - It was this - "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

"The outcome of our income must be the success of Christ's Cause." Some one has said "all the roads of religion lead to the pocket book"

II. Jesus was all along talking about money. In things as well as in persons the spiritual has the right of way. "One may almost define sin is that by which things temporal damage the lasting qualities of the soul."

Jesus knew the harm that could come from wrong use of money - and how people might make it first in their lives if the sinful pleasures it can buy or uppermost in their thinking.

He saw what it meant in the life of the rich young ruler - and urged people as to use it as to lay up treasure in heaven rather than on earth.

III. It is the Christian teaching that in Finance Rel must have first place - Five reasons

a. It is the function of money to produce the spiritual. It exists for God's sake.

b. Our good loyalties need to be checked by our best - that which is highest should claim us and ours.

C. I. to own is to owe - we could own nothing without God - so if we own anything it is because we owe -

d. money is the acid test of our sincerity. "Talk is cheap" a man sending his love to a preacher who was returning - Walter Campbell asked "How much?" "Money Talks" what does your say? "me, my, mine" does it say "I honor God"

2. Giving is a means of salvation  
"When Rel. giving slips Rel. living slips"  
Giving Ouphaus off - Self-centeredness  
narrowness, smallness.

3. Planned giving is happy giving  
When giving properly you are giving of your self and can say -  
"This is my body, my brain, my brain, my life, my invested energy" a piece of you carried in your pocket book  
"Be yours to let it live"

4. The more we put in the more we receive.

"Daddy if you had put more in you would have gotten more out."