Sermon on the aMount

"No one is to appear before me empty-handed." Exodus 23:15

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| DIFFICULT OR IMPOSSIBLE CIRCUMSTANCES       |...encourage you. ...stretch your meager resources. ...help you give first to Him so you can experience His help. | Single Mother's Example                    | 1) Trust God and do not fear.  
2) Make your first financial priority to give to God first (even before your family) from your meager resources. |
| SINGLE PERSON                               |...lead you and meet your needs. ...help you honestly face your future and financial situation. ...help you overcome loneliness. | Jacob's Promise                            | 1) Entrust your future and all of your needs to God.  
2) Begin to give 10% of your income to God.                                                   |
| IN DEBT OR BUSY TRYING TO MAKE ENDS MEET     |...stop your money from disappearing. ...help you make ends meet. ...help you make better financial decisions to get out of the financial rat race you're in. | Haggai's Challenge                         | 1) Consider your ways.  
2) Give to God as your first and foremost financial priority. Even ahead of family needs.  
3) Serve the Lord and do not neglect the Lord's house.                                      |
| GIVING TO GOD FROM THE LEFTOVERS            |...bless you in ways you have not been experiencing. ...make you more productive. ...rebuke Satan from devouring your financial resources and possessions. | Malachi's Test                             | 1) Begin to be honest with God about your finances.  
2) Quit stealing the tithe (10%) from God. Giving from the best you have -- a full 10% plus additional offerings. |
| WOULD LIKE TO BE MORE GENEROUS              |...help you be more grateful. ...make your giving a delight -- not just a duty or drudgery. ...help you give far more money than you ever dreamed possible. ...provide for you. | Paul's Plan                                | 1) Each Sunday, look back over the last seven days to "see" how the Lord provided (income, bargains, extra money, hospitality, help, etc.).  
2) Give offerings of at least 10% for each provision.                                          |
| RECEIVED EXTRA OR UNEXPECTED MONEY          |...thank Him and give you a practical way to show others that God is your Provider.   | Abraham's Gift                             | 1) Recognize that this gift came from God by giving at least 10% to the Lord's work. |
| OWN A VALUABLE ITEM THAT IS NO LONGER NEEDED |...make you an encouragement, help, and example to others. ...help you de-accumulate so you can better serve God & others? | Barnabas' Example                         | 1) Share or give this item to someone you know who has a genuine need.  
2) Sell the item and give some or all of the proceeds to the Lord.                                                                                  |
| MORE MONEY &/OR ASSETS THAN NEEDED          |...have others joyfully follow your generosity. ... allow you to help see special projects surge ahead. | David's Challenge                          | 1) Help underwrite a special project.  
2) Give your gift & challenge others to generously give.                                        |
| CHRISTIAN LEADER OR WORKER                  |...energize you. ...prospect the ministry. ...cause others to joyfully follow your example. | Nehemiah's Covenant                        | 1) Honor the Lord's Day.  
2) Work on eliminating debt.  
3) Support the Lord's work with your tithes & offerings.                                        |

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