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## SERMON OUTLINE

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### Money is Sacred

- I. We honor God as worshippers when we give generously.
  - A. We honor God by giving first (1 Corinthians 10:31; Proverbs 3:9; Deuteronomy 26:9-10).
  - B. We honor God by sacrificial generosity in faith.
    - The widow's copper coins (Mark 12:41-44)
  - C. We honor God by extravagant gifts as worship.
    - David's gift of gold (1 Chronicles 29:1-5)
  - D. We honor God by giving in gratitude for his grace.
    - The eager Macedonians (2 Corinthians 8:1-9)

➤ *Give to whom? How much? (See PowerPoint)*
- II. We honor God as stewards when we manage wisely.
  - A. Worship: Worship is the first step toward wisdom in all of life including money (Proverbs 1:7).
  - B. Humility: My worst financial mistake is an unteachable spirit but humility brings God's blessing (Proverbs 13:18).
  - C. Frugality: Living below my means gives me financial margin, but spending it all brings poverty (Proverbs 13:7; 19:10; 21:17, 20).
  - D. Freedom or Debt: I choose the amount of financial freedom or slavery I have (Proverbs 22:7).
  - E. Surplus: Saving money means we have it when we need it (Proverbs 6:6-8; 13:11; 21:20).