



For the week of: **January 27th, 2002**

Title: Poverty or Prosperity – Which Is Biblically Correct?

Memory Verse: “No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon.” **Matthew 6:24**

Note: Please use this time with your Small Group to be open and honest with your feelings about financial stewardship. We do not want anyone to feel uncomfortable or sketchy about sharing their opinions about this subject. Now is the time to get some honest, biblical feedback about how you are living.

1. Why should we emulate the Bereans? (**Acts 17:11**)
2. Read **Psalms 119:129-136**. Please share your thoughts in regards to what this passage is teaching.
3. Do you consider yourself financially blessed? Why or why not?
4. Why do you or don't you tithe? (Please use scripture to back up your answer.)
5. Analyze your poverty/prosperity theology. Where do you fit on the contrast chart?
6. Does your calendar, wallet, and checkbook support your above answer?
(Read **James 1:23, Matthew 6:19-34**)
7. Answer the million-dollar question...”What are you doing with what you have now?”
Time?
Talents?
Tithe?
8. Please review these names of God and use them in your prayers this week:
Adonai = *The Lord.*
El Roi = *The God Who Sees.*
El Shaddai = *The All-Sufficient One.*
Jehovah – Jireh = *The Lord Will Provide.*
Jehovah – Shalom = *The Lord Is Peace.*

Homework: Can you give God your **first 10%** this week?

- * **10%** of 12 hours (amount you are awake each day) = 1 hour and 12 minutes
- Can you give 72 minutes of your time each day to God (daily devo's, AWCIPA, etc...)?
- Can you give 72 minutes of your talents to God each day this week (ministry)?
- Can you tithe 10% of your finances this week?