♦SERMON NOTES **♦**

Sunday, January 18, 2009

"MANAGING YOUR DEAD PRESIDENTS"

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Today we continue our series on the "Road to Financial Peace." The Bible teaches us how to manage our money in ways that will bring peace to our hearts and pleasure to the heart of God.

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"Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also" (Matthew 6:21, NKJV).

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"You are not your own; you were bought at a price" (1 Corinthians 6:19-20, NIV).

HOW TO MANAGE YOUR DEAD PRESIDENTS:

1. Break free from materialism by giving.

2. Break free from debt by attacking.

"The rich rule over the poor, and the borrower is servant to the lender" (Proverbs 22:7, NIV).

3. Break free from worry by believing.

"'Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this,' says the LORD Almighty, 'and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it'" (Malachi 3:10, NIV).