

*Valley Bible Church - Sermon Study Questions*

**Study Aid for the Sermon from October 7, 2007**

**“The Bible and Personal Finances”**

**Observing the text**

Read Mark 10:28-31 and make as many observations as possible.

What did Christ mean when He told His disciples that those who had left their families for His sake would receive a hundred times as much?

What did Christ mean when He told His disciples that those who had left houses and farms for His sake would receive a hundred times as much?

Christ told His disciples that those who had left everything to follow Him would, in the age to come, receive eternal life. How do we reconcile this with the fact that heaven is a free gift?

How does the story of the rich man in Mark 10:17-22 highlight the blessedness of giving in Mark 10:28-31?

**Applying the sermon**

Have you ever regretted giving money to someone or something for the sake of Christ and His gospel?

In what you have given for the sake of Christ and His gospel do you feel that you have been amply rewarded in this present age?

How do your giving practices relate to your place in heaven in the age to come?

Do you find biblically based messages on giving stimulating or irritating? Why?