

Outline 24

The Secret to Financial Security Most Wealthy Don't Know

- I. The wealth of the world is not equally distributed.
- The industrialized world has many billionaires.
 - Most people in U.S.A. make less than \$50,000 a year and envy the rich.
 - Poverty and starvation stalk the “developing world,” where most of the people live.
- II. Jesus chose to accept a life of _____ on earth to identify with its masses.
- Symbolized by His birth in a barnyard cattle stall. (The Christmas story) **LUKE 2:1-7 (991)**
 - By His poverty we can be made _____. **2 CORINTHIANS 8:9 (1116)**
- III. The Christmas story holds the secret to financial _____.
- The Bethlehem Baby was the _____ (in-flesh-ment) of God. **ISAIAH 9:6, 7 (662)**
 - The Christ Child was Emmanuel, meaning “_____ with us.” **ISAIAH 7:14 (660); MATTHEW 1:23 (935)**
 - He is the _____ of the world and everything in it. **PSALM 24:1, 2 (526)**
 - He created all the cattle and the hills under them. **PSALM 50:10-12 (542, 543)**
 - And all the precious _____ (the basis of our currency). **HAGGAI 2:8 (916)**
 - We are indebted to God for our ability to earn a living. **DEUTERONOMY 8:18 (175)**
 - God keeps our minds and bodies functioning.
 - God is the Creator, Owner, Sustainer, and Provider of all, and for all.

- God promises security through the practice of giving the _____. **MALACHI 3:8-11 (931)**
 - Jacob promised God a tithe as a sign of his friendship with God. **GENESIS 28:20-22 (26)**
 - A tithe is a _____. **LEVITICUS 27:30, 32 (122)**
 - We return a tenth of our _____ to God as a visible symbol that we want Him as our senior partner.
 - The purpose of the tithe was to support the _____. **NUMBERS 18:21, 22, 24 (145)**
 - They received no major land inheritance in the division of Canaan.
 - They worked full time in the Temple. **NUMBERS 18:21 (145)**
 - The New Testament plan was to be the same. **1 CORINTHIANS 9:13, 14 (1104)**
 - The _____ Church follows that plan.
 - The tithe provides a living for full-time gospel workers, with the same salary for staff in large or small churches.
- IV. Following God’s plan does not produce poverty.
- For those who follow God’s plan, God promises a _____. **MALACHI 3:10 (931)**
 - Israel tithed in the wilderness and God _____ their possessions. **DEUTERONOMY 29:5 (194)**
 - Christians respond from a sense of _____ and gratitude to Jesus for His sacrifice and gift of love for us. **2 CORINTHIANS 8:9 (1116)**
 - When we seek Him first, God promises to supply our daily _____. **MATTHEW 6:33 (940)**

ANSWERS: (II) poverty; B. rich; (III) security; A. incarnation; A-1: God; A-2: owner; A-2-b: metals; C. tithe; C-2: tenth; C-3: income; D. Levites; D-3-a: Seventh-day Adventist; (IV) A: blessing; B: preserved; C: debt; D: needs