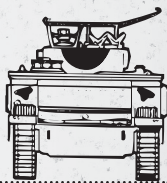


# ALL MONEY IS TAINTED



## WARM UP

A new believer stood near the riverside waiting to be baptised.

The pastor, about to lead him into the water, noticed the man hesitate and asked, "what's the problem?" The man replied, "I forgot to take my wallet out of my trousers and the notes in it will get wet, the dye might run and the money get tainted". The pastor replied, "If you want to be a real Christian you need to baptise your wallet as well. Anyway, your money is already 'tainted'... 't'aint' yours, 't'aint' mine - it's God's!"



## READ 1 Corinthians 16:1-2



### QUESTIONS

1. Read 2 Corinthians 16:1-2 and discuss the following:

- When are we to give?
- Who is requested to give?
- How much do we give?

2. What does the word "stewardship" convey to you?

## BACKGROUND

The Old Testament reveals God's program was financed on the basis of rigid law. In the New Testament era, however, it is to be funded not through legalism, high pressure appeals, or gimmicks, but a divinely-established principle based upon willingness.

3. Discuss the following:

- Tithe
- Offering
- Giving alms
- Mission pledge

4. What do you understand by Matthew Henry's comment, "It is not the accumulation of treasures against which we are warned, but rather it is the keeping place of our treasures".

## CONSIDER THIS

Imagine the New Zealand Army being funded by means of "housie" games and cake stalls!



## WRAP UP

God invites us to partner financially in the Great Commission.



## IT'S TIME FOR PRAYER

### MY RESPONSE AS A PROMISE KEEPER

I will review my stewardship in the realm of finances, and where applicable will include my wife and family in any decisions.

