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Friends of Seedtime,

If God said…

> But if anyone does not provide for his own, and especially for those of his household, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever. 1 Tim 5:8

Is it possible, even likely, that he means for us to bring the paycheck home, before the bar or lottery or the shopping mall gets it, so a proper portion is available for the needs of the family?

Likewise, if God said...

> Now concerning the collection for the saints, as I directed the churches of Galatia, so you are to do as well. [2] On the first day of every week, each of you is to put aside and save as he may prosper, so that no collections need to be made when I come.
> 1 Cor 16:1-2

Is it possible that we are to select a portion of our income for giving to someone outside our home?

And if God spoke like this (and he does) concerning our need to address paying our taxes, our debts and savings, would we say that *our God-given income* has a *God-given destination*? Seems a bit like a God-given budget.

Frankly, I voted to throw away the whole budget idea and just spend whatever I wanted, but God published the final book without adding my suggestions. He did however allow us a lot of flexibility for adjusting the percentages of our budget categories.

We grow in our understanding of God and the character he desires for us by starting off with easier tasks like money management. Some day, he may ask us to put our life on the line for him, which isn't likely to happen if we failed the easier tasks.

Luke 16:10
The one who is faithful in a very little thing is also faithful in much; and the one who is unrighteous in a very little thing is also unrighteous in much.

The very same verses we teach in Haiti we need in the USA. It is a beginning step of discipleship for those who have already come into the light (been evangelized). Haitians act like they've never heard anything about managing money from the Bible. Americans find the subject too easy, already managed sufficiently and unlikely to change their financial life regardless.

It's a bit like the Christian version of Mixed Martial Arts (MMA). Get in shape. Grapple with God's plan for your faith destination. Begin with us!

Thank you for remembering our discipleship efforts.

Blessings to you!

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**Frantz has not communicated much, especially given the tons of news coming out of Haiti.
Then again, because all the news is dreadful, it may be taking it's toll on Frantz.**

Please take time to pray specifically for Frantz and his family this week, next week, and we'll let you know when to stop.

Brian and Laurie Winzenried

"While the earth remains,
Seedtime and Harvest,
Cold and Heat,
Winter and Summer,
And Day and Night
Shall Not Cease."
Genesis 8:22