God and Money: What does the Bible say I should do with my money?
Bible study and discussion

Please read these beforehand:
Blog - http://www.christcitychurch.ie/why-give-5-obvious-reasons/
Paper – http://www.christcitychurch.ie/wp-content/uploads/Giving-at-Christ-City-Church.pdf

Introduction

1. Why don't we like talking about money?
2. Do you ever think you'll have enough money?
3. How has the church (in general) handled this topic/practice badly in the past?

Read Matthew 6:19-25

4. List the commands we're given (write them out in pairs) and put them in your own words (what does each one mean?)
    a. [19] "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth
    b. [20] But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven,
    c. [25] "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life,
    d. [31] So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?'
    e. [33] But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness
    f. [34] Therefore do not worry about tomorrow,
5. What do you notice? Do you think it is realistic? Why are we not to worry and what are we to do instead?
6. Why do you worry about money? How does this help you?

Read Matthew 6:1-4

7. List the commands we're given (write them out in pairs) and put them in your own words (what does each one mean?)
    a. Be careful not to practice your righteousness in front of others
    b. do not announce it with trumpets, as the hypocrites do
    c. do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing,
8. What does Jesus assume throughout this passage?
9. Why is Jesus so interested in our heart (our motivation) when it comes to giving? What often motivates people to give and what does Jesus want to motivate us with? *(Guilt, Fear or Pride vs Grace – see paper cited above)*
10. Whose money is it anyway? Read Deuteronomy 8:10-18 and 1 Chronicles 29:14-17
11. Do you think we should follow the tithe principle today? If yes, why? If not, what should govern our giving?
12. Where do you think you should give your money?
13. What questions do you have about giving or God's view on money?

Application

14. What changes do you need to make in the way you handle money?
15. Jesus assumes that we'll give away and give generously. How can you grow in this?