

Morning Lesson

WHAT A DOLLAR BILL TEACHES

2 Cor. 8:1-5, 9, 12

INTRO:

1. Will you be responsible for a sermon outline? **2 Cor. 8:8, 9**
2. What can we learn from a dollar bill?

I. "WE ARE FAVORED OF GOD."

- A. Above the pyramid: Annuity coeptis – "God has favored our undertakings."
- B. All good things come from God. **James 1:17; Psalm 24:1; 50:10; Acts 17:28; Psalm 139:14; Psalm 103:2; Psalm 118:24; Eccl. 7:10 Matt. 6:34; Eph. 1:3,18; Luke 12:48**
- C. The dollar bill reminds us that we are blessed by God to share and help others.

II. "A NEW ORDER OF THE AGES."

- A. Beneath the pyramid: Novus ordo seclorum – "A new order of the ages."
- B. In Christ we have new things. **John 3:3-5; 1 Cor. 3:11; 2 Cor. 5:17; Rom. 6:4; Matt. 6:24**
- C. These new things in Christ should be passed on to those after us. **Psalm 78:6,7**
- D. The dollar bill teaches me to appreciate the new life in Christ and to pass it on.

III. I AM ACCOUNTABLE.

- A. Notice the eye on top of the pyramid: song – "There's An All-seeing Eye Watching You." **Jer. 23:23,24; 1 Cor. 16:1, 2**
- B. To fail to be liberal is to rob God. **Mal. 3:8-10**
- C. This dollar bill reminds me of my responsibility.

IV. "IN GOD WE TRUST."

- A. In the middle: "In God We Trust."
- B. Trust in God's protection, provision, and promises. **Heb. 13:5,6; Phil 4:19; Matt. 6:33; Psalm 37:25**
- C. He promises abundant blessings. **Luke 6:38**
- D. Giving helps me to put works with the faith I have in God. **Psalm 144:15; Psalm 124:8; 1 Tim. 6:17-19; Matt. 6:19-21**
- E. Every dollar has a reminder to trust God.

CONC:

1. What are you going to do with the dollar in your hand?
2. This dollar was loaned to you to use wisely.
3. Every other dollar is loaned to you to use wisely.