

“In God We Trust?”
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The Big Idea:
Trust God not the Economy!

Five uplifting biblical Lessons during a
downturn economy

1. ***God, not money, is our security. (2 Corinthians 1:8-9)***
2. ***We are stewards, not owners. (Psalms 24:1)***
3. ***Faith grows in tough times. (Isaiah)***
4. ***We must generously and lovingly meet the needs of others. (Acts 4:33-35)***
5. ***We can learn to live with less. (Matthew 6:24)***

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For further study of today's message

ENTRY POINT: “At the bottom of every Christian heart – no matter how advanced in faith and godliness – there is the sediment of self-reliance. Then God shakes our lives, sometimes to the foundations, to show us our self-reliance and clean it out with a new, deeper reliance on him.”

John Piper, Pastor and Author

There is very little in life that we can control. What has this economic recession taught me about trusting God?

Am I more concerned with earthly security or my investment in eternity?

God's Word tells us, “Do not be anxious about your life...” When everything else in the world says we should worry more, what if we, as Christians, worried less? What a testimony this would be to our faith! Is it possible?

In tough times, do I cling more tightly to what I have, or continue to lavish the grace of God on others?

Am I learning to live with less “stuff” and more God? How secure do I feel when I consider that God's love is the only thing I cannot lose?

“I am teaching you today
- yes, you –
so you will trust in the LORD.”
Proverbs 22:19