

The next morning the farmer arose to examine his fields. He discovered that the locusts had eaten everything up to his fences on every side. Not a green stem was left on the other side, but God had kept his promise and had rewarded the farmer's faith by protecting his crop from the locusts.

As you meditate upon this subject, pause first to count your many blessings. Remember that every good and perfect gift comes from God. With your heart full and overflowing with gratitude, why not write "yes" after the first question?

Do you desire to enter into partnership with God? ☐

Do you have a problem regarding which you desire prayer? \_\_\_\_\_

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COMMENTS:



# What The Bible Says:

## Lesson 24

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### About God's Money in My Purse

*Always pray before opening your Bible.*

*Find the text in your Bible and write the answer.*

When Christ began His ministry in Jerusalem, one of the first things He did was to drive the money changers out of the temple. Three and a half years later, as He neared the end of His ministry, the money changers had returned to the temple. Notice what the Bible says Christ did: "And Jesus went into the temple of God, and cast out all them that sold and bought in the temple, and overthrew the tables of the money changers, and the seats of them that sold doves, and said unto them, It is written, My house shall be called the house of prayer; but ye have made it a den of thieves." *Matthew 21:12, 13.*

Not long ago a newspaper reported that a large church found itself short of operating funds. The church devised a most ingenious scheme to raise the needed funds. It had printed raffle tickets and sold chances on a case of liquor. One member, after having been taught how to gamble by the church, became the proud possessor of a case of liquor, by which he could become intoxicated.

Some defend such practices, rationalizing that they are necessary in order to finance the preaching of the gospel. It would not be necessary to stoop to such practices if we would study the Bible and follow God's plan for giving the gospel.