





## WHAT IS MONEY?

"Money" is used 116 times in the Old Testament. "Keceph" - "silver" was the currency of the day. "Keceph" was cash. But the New Testament writers couldn't describe "money" in less than eight different Greek words.

**Mammon** (Mat 6:24) is an Aramaic word. It's derived from another word which means "that on which one puts one's trust," "wealth or riches personified."

Mat. 25:14-30

## 1. MONEY IS A TRUST

(:14, 20, 22) "Sir, you gave me."

"Master, you entrusted me."

We are stewards, not owners.

**2. MONEY IS A TOOL (:14, 19)** "Use it until I come back." Not how much you have, but what you do with it.

**3. MONEY IS A TEST (:21, 29; Lk 16:11)**  
It is a test of your character, values, priorities and of your responsibility. Can God Trust You With Money? The Bible seems to teach what I do with my wealth determines how much God can bless my life.

## II. TRUST AND APPLY

**BIBLICAL AND PRACTICAL PRINCIPLES** for Establishing and Experiencing a Life of Trust in God.

The Bible applauds good stewardship and promises blessings to the faithful

### 1. The Principle of Earning: Work Hard For It (Col. 3:23; 2 Thess 3:6-10 )

Being financially successful takes hard work!

- \* Earn money little by little. Pro. 13:11
- \* Earn money honestly. Pro. 13:11
- \* Don't borrow and fall into the bondage of debt. Pro. 22:7

*But remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you the ability to produce wealth...*

Deuteronomy 8:18 (NIV)

**2. The Principle of Tithing: Honour God. Put God first; Pay God first.**  
**Commit your cash to God. God's plan for financial growth (Malachi 3:10; Prov 3:9-10; Psa 37:3-5; Lev 27:30 ).**

3 Reasons to Tithe: 1) It shows your gratitude, that you realise it all comes from Him in the first place; 2) It shows your priorities are right, in the present, 3) It shows you are going to trust Him to take care of your needs in the future.

**3. The Principle of Saving and Investing: Build up a Reserve.** "The wise man saves for the future, but the foolish man spends whatever he gets. (Pro. 21:20 TLB Pro. 6:6-8; 13:11) You don't save it for security, you save it for stewardship. Save so that you can meet needs. Learn to live on less.

**The 10-10-80 Principle.**

Invest. This is wise spending. It's setting aside money so that it will bring a return later on.

**4. The Principle of Spending: Be Disciplined.**

"The wise have wealth and luxury, but fools spend whatever they get." **Proverbs 21:20 (NLT)** Get creative and find more inexpensive ways to have fun and enjoy life. Don't buy things you do not need, with the money you do not have, to impress the people you do not like.



### 5. The Principle of Budgetting: Make a Plan.

The plans of the diligent lead to profit as surely as haste leads to poverty.

**(Pro. 21:5)** Get your fields ready and plant your crops before starting a home. **(Prov. 24:27 ; Luke 14:28-30)**

### 6. The Principle of Giving: Blessed to be a Blessing.

The best way to be happy in this life is to be a blessing to other people. Use it to bless others, to help others. Save and invest for His kingdom. **(Luke 6:38; Pro. 11:24-25; 19:17; 1 Tim 6:18-19; Mat. 6:19-20)**

## III. IT'S NOT ABOUT MONEY, IT'S ABOUT TRUST

"Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight..... Honor the LORD with your wealth, with the firstfruits of all your crops; then your barns will be filled to overflowing, and your vats will brim over with new wine." **(Proverbs 3:5-6, 9-10; cf. Malachi 3:7-10; Mark 12:41-44)**

### Do not place your trust in riches.

"He who trusts in his riches will fall, but the righteous will flourish like the green leaf" **(Proverbs 11:28)**.

Do not trust in extortion or take pride in stolen goods; though your riches increase do not set your heart on them **(Psalm 62:10)**

Jesus said: "Children, how hard it is for those who trust in riches to enter the kingdom of God!" **(Mark 10:24)**.

## Trust not in chariots!

"Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but we trust in the name of the LORD our God." (Psa. 20:7; Isa. 31:1,3)



## 4 CATEGORIES OF RICH AND POOR PEOPLE:

1. **The Godly Poor:** Jesus, Ruth, widows and orphans; people who have no money.
2. **The Godly Rich:** People like Abraham, Job, people who have money but love God.
3. **The Ungodly Poor:** People who have no money, whatever the reasons - won't work, waste money, gamble, etc.
4. **The Ungodly Rich:** People like Herod and Pharaoh. Spend their money ungodly.

## THE GODLY RICH: TRUST GOD, NOT MONEY

"Command those who are rich in this present age not to be haughty, nor to trust in uncertain riches but in the living God, who gives us richly all things to enjoy." (1 Tim. 6:17-19).

For the love of money  
is the root of all kinds  
of evil. And some  
people, craving money,  
have wandered from  
the true faith and  
pierced themselves  
with many sorrows.  
1 Timothy 6:10



### **Deuteronomy 8:17,18**

17 You may say to yourself, "My  
power and the strength of my hands  
have produced this wealth for me." 18  
But remember the LORD your God,  
for it is he who gives you the ability to  
produce wealth, and so confirms his  
covenant, which he swore to your  
forefathers, as it is today.

# Trust God

Not your money or things

## True Wealth Comes from God

## PEOPLE OF GOD: TRUST GOD FOR YOUR FINANCE

### Trust Your Finances To God's Provision

*God will meet all your needs according to His  
glorious riches in Christ Jesus. Phil 4:19 (NIV)*

God says He will meet your financial needs -

- If I ask for his help.
- If I learn to be content.
- If I practice faith.
- If I maintain financial integrity.
- If I trust him with my life -- completely.

## MY GOD WILL SUPPLY ALL MY NEEDS

"GOD WANTS US TO ENJOY A FULL, ABUNDANT LIFE  
FREE FROM STRESSES AND CARES THAT MONEY  
AND OTHER MATERIAL POSSESSION BRING."



THANK GOD FOR WHAT  
**YOU HAVE.**  
TRUST GOD FOR WHAT  
**YOU NEED.**

### **How To Never Worry About Money**

#### **How to Trust God When Money Seems Scarce**

"Do not worry about tomorrow..." (Mat 6:24-34) Not worrying, being at peace, being content, being happy -have nothing to do with how much money you have. Those things have everything to do with how much faith you have.

## Trust God, Not Money

- :31 *"So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well."*

## 4 SIGNS YOU ARE TRUSTING GOD WITH YOUR MONEY

- 1. You Give.** Generosity is one of the key ways to tell if you love your stuff.
- 2. You Don't Love Money.** The question is not whether you have a lot of money; the question is whether or not you love the money you have.

**3. You Don't Worry.** "Don't love money; be satisfied with what you have. For God has said, 'I will never fail you. I will never abandon you.'" Heb. 13:5. God says, "Trust in ME..not in your money."

**4. You are a Good Steward** of the Money You Have (whether it's a lot or a little). Mat. 25:14-30

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