



50 Key Verses on Money

Have you ever wondered why the Bible talks so much about money? It is discussed more than almost every topic including prayer, healing, heaven, and hell. I think it's because God knows how easily many of us could elevate money to the position of master in our lives. We all need money, of course, but how we view it is critical. Money is a terrible master, but it can be a great tool to accomplish God's purposes. Following are fifty key verses (in no particular order) on how to keep money in its proper place and how we as Christians should earn, spend, save, invest, and give.

Work

Proverbs 14:23

All hard work brings a profit, but mere talk leads only to poverty.

Proverbs 22:29

Do you see someone skilled in their work? They will serve before kings; they will not serve before officials of low rank.

Colossians 3:23

Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men.

1 Timothy 5:8

But if anyone does not provide for his relatives, and especially for members of his household, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.

Saving

Proverbs 6:6-8

Go to the ant, O sluggard; consider her ways, and be wise. Without having any chief, officer, or ruler, she prepares her bread in summer and gathers her food in harvest.

Proverbs 21:20

Precious treasure and oil are in a wise man's dwelling, but a foolish man devours it.

Stewardship

Matthew 6:24

No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.

Matthew 25:21

His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.'

Luke 16:10-11

One who is faithful in a very little is also faithful in much, and one who is dishonest in a very little is also dishonest in much. If then you have not been faithful in the unrighteous wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches?

1 Corinthians 4:2

Moreover, it is required of stewards that they be found trustworthy.

Contentment

Psalms 23:1

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

Philippians 4:11-13

Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

Colossians 3:2

Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth.

Hebrews 13:5

Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for he has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you."

Giving

Proverbs 22:9

Whoever has a bountiful eye will be blessed, for he shares his bread with the poor.

Proverbs 28:27

Whoever gives to the poor will not want, but he who hides his eyes will get many a curse.

Luke 12:33

Sell your possessions, and give to the needy. Provide yourselves with moneybags that do not grow old, with a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches and no moth destroys.

2 Corinthians 9:6-8

The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work.

1 Timothy 6:18-19

They are to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share, thus storing up treasure for themselves as a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is truly life.

James 2:15-16

If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, be warmed and filled," without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that?

Investing**Ecclesiastes 11:1** (diversification)

Cast your bread upon the waters, for you will find it after many days. Give a portion to seven, or even to eight, for you know not what disaster may happen on earth.

Proverbs 31:16

She considers a field and buys it; with the fruit of her hands she plants a vineyard.

Borrowing**Psalms 37:21**

The wicked borrows but does not pay back, but the righteous is generous and gives.

Proverbs 22:7

The rich rules over the poor, and the borrower is the slave of the lender.

Ecclesiastes 5:5

It is better that you should not vow than that you should vow and not pay.

Romans 13:8

Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law.

Lending

Exodus 22:25

If you lend money to any of my people with you who is poor, you shall not be like a moneylender to him, and you shall not exact interest from him.

Psalms 112:5

It is well with the man who deals generously and lends; who conducts his affairs with justice.

Luke 6:34-35

And if you lend to those from whom you expect to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to get back the same amount. But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return, and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the evil.

Planning

Proverbs 13:16

In everything the prudent acts with knowledge, but a fool flaunts his folly.

Proverbs 15:22

Without counsel plans fail, but with many advisers they succeed.

Proverbs 16:3

Commit your work to the LORD, and your plans will be established.

Proverbs 21:5

The plans of the diligent lead surely to abundance, but everyone who is hasty comes only to poverty.

Proverbs 24:3-4

By wisdom a house is built, and by understanding it is established; by knowledge the rooms are filled with all precious and pleasant riches.

Budgeting

Proverbs 27:23

Know well the condition of your flocks, and give attention to your herds,

Luke 14:28-30

For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, saying, 'This man began to build and was not able to finish.'

Get rich quick schemes

Proverbs 12:11

Whoever works his land will have plenty of bread, but he who follows worthless pursuits lacks sense.

Proverbs 13:11

Wealth gained hastily will dwindle, but whoever gathers little by little will increase it.

Proverbs 28:19-20

Whoever works his land will have plenty of bread, but he who follows worthless pursuits will have plenty of poverty. A faithful man will abound with blessings, but whoever hastens to be rich will not go unpunished.

1 Timothy 6:9-10

But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation, into a snare, into many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils. It is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs.

God's provision

Psalms 37:25

I have been young, and now am old, yet I have not seen the righteous forsaken or his children begging for bread.

Matthew 6:31-33

Therefore do not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

Philippians 4:19

And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus.

Paying taxes

Romans 13:7

Pay to all what is owed to them: taxes to whom taxes are owed, revenue to whom revenue is owed, respect to whom respect is owed, honor to whom honor is owed.

Matthew 22:21

Then he said to them, "Therefore render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's."

Honesty

Proverbs 10:9

Whoever walks in integrity walks securely, but he who makes his ways crooked will be found out.

Proverbs 16:11

A just balance and scales are the Lord's; all the weights in the bag are his concern.

Proverbs 28:6

Better is a poor man who walks in his integrity than a rich man who is crooked in his ways.

Futility of riches

Proverbs 11:4

Riches do not profit in the day of wrath, but righteousness delivers from death.

Luke 6:24

For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul? For what can a man give in return for his soul?

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