

Money - 05/05/19

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INTRO – Php 4:19 *But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.*

Dug from the mountainside Or washing in the glen

Servant am I or master of men.

Earn me, I bless you, Steal me, I curse you;

Grasp me and hold me A friend will possess you,

Lie for me, die for me, Covet me, take me –

I'm just what you make me.

The Bible has well over 2000 verses about money

Jesus taught about money

There was a treasurer who held the bag for the Apostles – Judas

Giving, tithing, greed, covetousness, contentment as well as hard work and stewardship are all mentioned in Scripture.

I. The Spiritual Aspects About Money

A. Spiritual life is More Important Than Money

Heb. 11:26 *Esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt: for he had respect unto the recompence of the reward.*

1 Cor. 13:3 *And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not charity, it profiteth me nothing.*

Acts 3:6 *Then Peter said, Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk.*

B. Giving is better than receiving

Acts 20:35 *I have shewed you all things, how that so labouring ye ought to support the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, **It is more blessed to give than to receive.***

C. Giving does not impoverish us

Luke 6:38 *Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again.*

D. God loves a cheerful giver

2 Co 9:6-7 *But this I say, He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully. 7 Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for **God loveth a cheerful giver.***

E. We can support the work of God

2 Co 8:2-3 *How that in a great trial of affliction the abundance of their joy and their deep poverty abounded unto the riches of their liberality. 3 For to their power, I bear record, yea, and beyond their power they were willing of themselves;*

F. God can prove Himself through money

Php 4:19 *But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.*

G. We are admonished to be content

Php 4:11 *Not that I speak in respect of want: for I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content.*

1 Tim. 6:6 *But godliness with contentment is great gain.*

H. We can prove our faithfulness

Luke 16:11-13 *If therefore ye have not been faithful in the unrighteous mammon, who will commit to your trust the true riches? 12 And if ye have not been faithful in that which is another man's, who shall give you that which is your own? 13 No servant can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.*

II. Dangers About Money

A. It can keep people from salvation

James 5:1-3 *Go to now, ye rich men, weep and howl for your miseries that shall come upon you. 2 Your riches are corrupted, and your garments are motheaten. 3 Your gold and silver is cankered; and the rust of them shall be a witness against you, and shall eat your flesh as it were fire. Ye have heaped treasure together for the last days.*

1 Tim. 6:17-19 *Charge them that are rich in this world, that they be not highminded, nor trust in uncertain riches, but in the living God, who giveth us richly all things to enjoy; 18 That they do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to distribute, willing to communicate; 19 Laying up in store for themselves a good foundation against the time to come, that they may lay hold on eternal life.*

Luke 18:18-25 *23 And when he heard this, he was very sorrowful: for he was very rich. 24 And when Jesus saw that he was very sorrowful, he said, **How hardly shall they that have riches enter into the kingdom of God! 25 For it is easier for a camel to go through a needle's eye, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God.***

B. It can lead to pride

Pro 11:28 *He that trusteth in his riches shall fall: but the righteous shall flourish as a branch.*

Luk 18:10-14 *Two men went up into the temple to pray; the one a Pharisee, and the other a publican. . . 12 I fast twice in the week, I give tithes of all that I possess. . .*

C. It can lead to false security

Luke 12:16-21 *And he spake a parable unto them, saying, The ground of a certain rich man brought forth plentifully: 17 And he thought within himself, saying, What shall I do, because I have no room where to bestow my fruits? 18 And he said, This will I do: I will pull down my barns, and build greater; and there will I bestow all my fruits and my goods. 19 And I will say to my soul, Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years; take thine ease, eat, drink, and be merry. 20 But God said unto him, Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee: then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided? 21 So is he that layeth up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God.*

Billionaire Steve Jobs died of Pancreatic cancer 2011 after 7 years fighting it

Acts 8:18-20 *And when Simon saw that through laying on of the apostles' hands the Holy Ghost was given, he offered them money, 19 Saying, Give me also this power, that on whomsoever I lay hands, he may receive the Holy Ghost. 20 But Peter said unto him, Thy money perish with thee, because thou hast thought that the gift of God may be purchased with money.*

C. Money can lead to sin

Luke 8:14 *And that which fell among thorns are they, which, when they have heard, go forth, and are choked with **cares and riches and pleasures of this life, and bring no fruit to perfection.***

The Prodigal son wasted the inheritance

D. Motives and Attitude Are Important

Luke 21:1-4 *And he looked up, and saw the rich men casting their gifts into the treasury. 2 And he saw also a certain poor widow casting in thither two mites. 3 And he said, Of a truth I say unto you, that this poor widow hath cast in more than they all: 4 For all these have of their abundance cast in unto the offerings of God: but she of her penury hath cast in all the living that she had.*

E. Money can be mishandled

Hag 1:6 *Ye have sown much, and bring in little; ye eat, but ye have not enough; ye drink, but ye are not filled with drink; ye clothe you, but there is none warm; and he that earneth wages earneth wages to put it into a bag with holes.*

III. Responsibility toward Money

A. Don't be lazy

Pro 6:6-11 *Go to the ant, thou sluggard; consider her ways, and be wise: 7 Which having no guide, overseer, or ruler, 8 Provideth her meat in the summer, and gathereth her food in the harvest. 9 How long wilt thou sleep, O sluggard? when wilt thou arise out of thy sleep? 10 Yet a little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to sleep: 11 So shall thy poverty come as one that travelleth, and thy want as an armed man.*

B. Pay your bills

A little bit of money is needed

From Monk to Money Manger

Rom 13:8 *Owe no man any thing, but to love one another: for he that loveth another hath fulfilled the law.*

Psa 37:21 *The wicked borroweth, and payeth not again: but the righteous sheweth mercy, and giveth.*

C. Provide for your family

1 Tim. 5:8 *But if any provide not for his own, and specially for those of his own house, he hath denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel.*

D. Pay your taxes

Rom 13:1-8 *Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God.*

E. Get out of debt

F. Learn to give

1 Cor. 16:2 *Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come.*

Mal 3:8 *Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings.*

G Be a good steward - Parable of the talents

Mat 25:14-23 *For the kingdom of heaven is as a man travelling into a far country, who called his own servants, and delivered unto them his goods. And unto one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one;*

CONCL – Mat 6:33 *But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.*

Different attitudes toward money

Money as a status symbol - Affluent - Bling - Flashy

The Hole in the Pocket

The Deer in the Headlights

The Blob

The Poor me

The Damsel in Distress

The Angel of Mercy

The Philosopher

The Hoarder

The Weaponizer

The Blamer

The Dreamer

The Gambler

The Money Addict

The TMI (Too much information)

The Enmesher