

PROVERBS ON MONEY, DEBT & POSSESSIONS

"Riches won't help on the day of judgment, but right living can save you from death." Prov. 11:4

"There's danger in putting up security for a stranger's debt; it's safer not to guarantee another person's debt." Prov. 11:15

"Evil people get rich for the moment, but the reward of the godly will last." Prov. 11:18

"Give freely and become more wealthy; be stingy and lose everything. The generous will prosper; those who refresh others will themselves be refreshed. People curse those who hoard their grain, but they bless the one who sells in time of need. If you search for good, you will find favor; but if you search for evil, it will find you! Trust in your money and down you go! But the godly flourish like leaves in spring." Prov. 11:24-28

"Money and possessions are the second most referenced topic in the Bible...and the message is clear: Nowhere in Scripture is debt viewed in a positive way. The writers of the Bible anticipated the problems we would have with money and possessions; there are more than 2,000 references. Our whole culture now is built on the premise that we have to have more money and more stuff to feel happy and secure. Public storage is the poster child for what's wrong with America. We have too much stuff because we've bought into the myth fabricated by Wall Street and Madison Avenue that more stuff equals more happiness. That's the total opposite of the truth, and the opposite of what it says in The Bible." Is The Bible The Ultimate Financial Guide?, Peter Grandich, forbes.com

"Money is to be a resource, but it is not to be My Source." 2,350 Bible Verses on Money, Brandon Park,

There Are 2 Reasons We Should Talk About Money In Church

1. The Bible talks a _____ about money
2. There is a direct _____ between the way we handle our money and our faith

*All Scripture references are from the NLT - New Living Translation) of the Bible

BIBLICAL PRINCIPLES ON MONEY, DEBT & POSSESSIONS

1. Set money aside for _____ & _____
"Bring all the tithes into the storehouse so there will be enough food in my Temple. If you do,' says the LORD of Heaven's Armies, 'I will open the windows of heaven for you. I will pour out a blessing so great you won't have enough room to take it in! Try it! Put me to the test!" Mal. 3:10
"God loves a person who gives cheerfully." 2 Cor. 9:7
2. Set money aside for _____ & _____
"Honor the LORD with your wealth and with the best part of everything you produce. Then he will fill your barns with grain, and your vats will overflow with good wine." Prov. 3:9-10
"Take a lesson from the ants, you lazybones. Learn from their ways and become wise! Though they have no prince or governor or ruler to make them work, they labor hard all summer, gathering food for the winter." Prov. 6:6-8
"The wise have wealth and luxury, but fools spend whatever they get." Prov. 21:20
3. Debt should be _____
"It's poor judgment to guarantee another person's debt or put up security for a friend." Prov. 17:18
"The borrower is servant to the lender." Prov. 22:7
4. Accumulating too much stuff is _____
"Don't store up treasures here on earth, where moths eat them and rust destroys them, and where thieves break in and steal. Store your treasures in heaven, where moths and rust cannot destroy, and thieves do not break in and steal. Wherever your treasure is, there the desires of your heart will also be." Matt. 6:19-21
"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 Tim 6:10

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