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## What God Has To Say To The Believer About Money

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Did you know that there are roughly 2350 verses concerning money in the Bible? That's almost twice as many verses about faith and prayer combined. Jesus had a lot to say about money. Nearly 15% of everything Jesus spoke about was related to money and possessions.

- 16 out of Jesus' 38 parables dealt with the topic of money and possessions.
- The only topic Jesus taught more about than money was the Kingdom of God.

Why? The scriptures are very clear about the connection between a person's spiritual life, attitudes, and actions concerning money and possessions – Matthew 6:21.

God has a lot to say about money, not because money itself is good or bad, but because how we view money, use money, and prioritize money reveals the condition of our hearts.

- 1) God owns everything Psalm 24:1.
  - We are stewards, not owners. Everything we have money, possessions, talents
     ultimately belongs to God- 1 Corinthians 4:2 found we should be faithful to
     the owner, God; using His resources as He directs.
- 2) The love of money is dangerous 1 Timothy 6:10.
  - Money itself is not evil but loving it, chasing it above all else, leads to sin, compromise, and brokenness.
  - Believers are warned to guard their hearts against greed Luke 12:15.
- 3) Trust God, not riches 1 Timothy 6:17.
  - Wealth can disappear. God is the only true source of security.
  - Trusting in money leads to pride; Proverbs 16:18. Trusting God brings peace –
     Isaiah 26:3.

- 4) Be generous Acts 20:35.
  - God blesses us so we can bless others 2 Corinthians 9:10.
  - Generosity is an act of faith and a reflection of God's heart 2 Corinthians 9:10b.
- 5) Don't be a slave to money Matthew 6:24.
  - Money is a tool, not a master.
  - Believers are called to serve God, not chase wealth.
- 6) Be wise and faithful stewards Matthew 25:21.
  - God expects believers to manage money with wisdom, discipline and purpose.
     That includes savings, budgeting, avoiding debt, and being honest in business.
- 7) Use money for eternal purposes Matthew 6:20-21.
  - Invest in things that last: people, ministry, justice, compassion, and the Kingdom of God.
  - Our money should reflect our eternal priorities Matthew 6:33.