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Money, Money, Money: Spiritual Myths

The Bible's Main Message On Managing Money Is To Be Wise

1. **God Cares More About My Heart Than What I Do With My Money.**

Proverbs 11:24 - *Give freely and become more wealthy; be stingy and lose everything.*

James 2:14-17, 26 - *What good is it, dear brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but don't show it by your actions? Can that kind of faith save anyone?* [15] *Suppose you see a brother or sister who has no food or clothing,* [16] *and you say, "Good-bye and have a good day; stay warm and eat well"—but then you don't give that person any food or clothing. What good does that do?* [17] *So you see, faith by itself isn't enough. Unless it produces good deeds, it is dead and useless. ...*[26] *Just as the body is dead without breath, so also faith is dead without good works.*

2. **How Much Doesn't Matter As Long As I Give Something.**

Jesus And The Apostles Taught Sacrificial Generosity

Mark 12:41-44 - *Jesus sat down near the collection box in the Temple and watched as the crowds dropped in their money. Many rich people put in large amounts.* [42] *Then a poor widow came and dropped in two small coins.* [43] *Jesus called his disciples to him and said, "I tell you the truth, this poor widow has given more than all the others who are making contributions.* [44] *For they gave a tiny part of their surplus, but she, poor as she is, has given everything she had to live on."*

1 Corinthians 16:2 - *On the first day of each week, you should each put aside a portion of the money you have earned. Don't wait until I get there and then try to collect it all at once.*

2 Corinthians 9:5-6 - *So I thought I should send these brothers ahead of me to make sure the gift you promised is ready. But I want it to be a willing gift, not one given grudgingly.* [6] *Remember this—a farmer who plants only a few seeds will get a small crop. But the one who plants generously will get a generous crop.*

3. **Debt Is Okay As Long As I Pay It Back.**

Luke 14:28 - *"Suppose one of you wants to build a tower. Won't you first sit down and estimate the cost to see if you have enough money to complete it?"*

Debt Is A Form Of "Bondage"

Proverbs 22:7 - *Just as the rich rule the poor, so the borrower is servant to the lender.*

4. **God Will Prosper Me Financially If I Work Hard And Have Enough Faith.**

Our Choices, Hard Work, Generosity, And Character Play A Big Role In Our Financial Outcomes

Deuteronomy 8:18 - *Remember the LORD your God. He is the one who gives you power to be successful, in order to fulfill the covenant he confirmed to your ancestors with an oath.*

1 Samuel 2:7 - *The LORD makes some poor and others rich; he brings some down and lifts others up.*

Mature Believers Can Be Rich Or Poor

James 2:5 - *Listen to me, dear brothers and sisters. Hasn't God chosen the poor in this world to be rich in faith? Aren't they the ones who will inherit the Kingdom he promised to those who love him?*
God values spiritual wealth over material wealth.

5. **I Don't Worry About Money, God's Got My Back**

Philippians 4:19 - *And this same God who takes care of me will supply all your needs from his glorious riches, which have been given to us in Christ Jesus.*

Psalm 24:1 - *The earth is the LORD's, and everything in it…*

1 Corinthians 4:2 - *Moreover, it is required of stewards that they be found faithful.* ESV

Proverbs 21:20 - *The wise have wealth and luxury, but fools spend whatever they get.*

Wisdom Is a Command, Not a Suggestion!