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FOUNDATION TRUTH
ON MONEY AND POSSESSIONS

CONSIDER THE SOURCE - READ, LISTEN AND REFLECT ON THE BIBLICAL TRUTH

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Introduction

Many people are surprised that almost eight percent of the Bible is about money and possessions. Man's economy has a chequered history with the end of the last decade seeing an almost collapse of the global financial system.

God's economy however cannot fail and by reviewing, studying and reflecting on God's word will provide you with insight, not just into the handling of money and possessions, but also the attitudes that influence what we spend.

We invite you to examine carefully the 2350 passages, searching the Scriptures like the Bereans, to see whether these words are true (Acts17:11). The best way to check our heart's attitude regarding material possessions is to allow all the principles of God's Word to penetrate our innermost being (Hebrews 4:12).

This book should be judged not in the light of prevailing opinion, but in the light of God's Word. We trust you enjoy looking up and exploring for yourself what the Bible is saying to you and that it will inspire, empower and equip you on the subject of money and possessions.

Listen to no man who has not listened to God.

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Bible is a blueprint for living

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God's part

GOD OWNS EVERYTHING

GOD OWNS EVERYTHING ON EARTH

Genesis 14:19
Genesis 14:22
Exodus 9:29
Exodus 19:5
Deuteronomy 10:14
Chronicles 29:11,14-16
Job 41:11
Psalm 24:1
Psalm 50:12
Psalm 82:8
Psalm 89:11
Psalm 95:4-5
Psalm 104:24
1 Corinthians 10:26

1. **Parable illustrating God's ownership**
   Matthew 25:14-28
2. **Lord holds all things together**
   Hebrews 1:3
   Colossians 1:17

SPECIFIC POSSESSIONS GOD OWNS

1. **Land**
   Leviticus 25:23
2. **Gold and silver**
   Ezekiel 16:17
   Haggai 2:8
3. **Animals**
   Psalm 50:10-11

GOD CONTROLS EVERY EVENT

LORD CONTROLS ALL EVENTS ON EARTH

1 Chronicles 29:11-12
Psalm 135:6
Proverbs 16:33
Proverbs 20:24
Daniel 2:20-21

- **Lord allows difficult circumstances to occur**
  Job 42:11
  Isaiah 45:6-7
  Lamentations 3:37-38
  Amos 3:6
- **Lord uses every circumstances for a good purpose in the life of the godly**
  Romans 8:28
- **Example of Lord allowing difficult circumstances for ultimate good**
  Genesis 45:5-9
- **A carnal person's perspective of the control of events**
  Ecclesiastes 9:11

SPECIFIC EVENTS AND ITEMS LORD CONTROLS

1. **Lord directs people's hearts**
   Proverbs 21:1

- **Lord can give godly people favour with others**
  Genesis 39:21
  Ezra 6:22
  Nehemiah 2:8, 18
- **Example of Israelites plundering Egyptians**
  Exodus 3:21-22
  Exodus 12:35-36
- **Lord makes some people obstinate**
  Exodus 14:4
  Deuteronomy 2:30

2. **Lord controls the coveting of the heart**
   Exodus 34:23-24

- **Lord controls the nations**
  Acts 17:26
  2 Chronicles 25:7-9
  Isaiah 10:5-6

GOD PROVIDES

EVERYTHING COMES FROM THE LORD

1 Chronicles 29:14
Romans 11:36

1. **A location called the 'Lord will provide'**
   Genesis 22:14

2. **Lord gives food to all**
   Psalm 136:25
   Psalm 145:15-16

EXAMPLES OF LORD PROVIDING

1. **In wilderness**
   Deuteronomy 2:7
   Deuteronomy 8:15-16
   Nehemiah 9:15
   Nehemiah 9:21

2. **During Sabbatical year**
   Leviticus 25:20-22

3. **Feeding the multitude**
   Matthew 14:15-21
   Matthew 15:32-38
   Matthew 16:8-10
   Mark 6:35-44
   Mark 8:1-9
   Mark 8:18-20
   Luke 9:12-17
   John 6:5-13

4. **At the sea shore**
   John 21:2-11

LORD PROVIDES FOR THOSE WHO SEEK AND OBEY HIM

Psalm 33:18-19
Psalm 34:9-10
Psalm 81:13,16
Proverbs 10:3
Philippians 4:19
Matthew 6:33
Luke 12:30-31

WE CAN BE CONTENT AND ANXIETY FREE BECAUSE HE IS OUR PROVIDER

(See the Contentment Scriptures)

GOD GIVES RICHES AND MATERIAL POSSESSIONS

EVERYTHING COMES FROM THE LORD

1 Chronicles 29:14
Romans 11:36
1 Timothy 6:17

LORD GIVES RICHES AND MATERIAL POSSESSIONS

1 Chronicles 29:12,14-16
Ecclesiastes 5:19
Ecclesiastes 6:1-2
Jeremiah 27:5

1. **Examples of Lord giving riches and possessions**

- **Lord gave children of Israel the promised land**
  Genesis 35:12
  Exodus 6:8
  Leviticus 25:38
  Deuteronomy 6:10-12
  Deuteronomy 8:7-10
  Deuteronomy 26:1-3
  Joshua 24:13
  Nehemiah 9:15
  Nehemiah 9:36
  Jeremiah 7:5-7

- **Other examples**
  Genesis 24:35
  Genesis 26:12-14
  Deuteronomy 30:5
  1 Samuel 18:14-15
  2 Samuel 6:12
  2 Chronicles 1:11-12
  2 Chronicles 25:6-9
  Job 1:9-10
  Job 42:10,12
  Psalm 105:37
  Isaiah 45:3
  Jeremiah 27:5-7
  Ezekiel 16:13,14,17-19
  Ezekiel 29:18-19
  Hosea 2:8

- **Abraham did not want to give another person credit for his becoming rich**
  Genesis 14:22-23

2. **Lord sometimes gives riches after testing and humbling**
   Deuteronomy 8:15-18
   Psalm 66:10-12

3. **Lord gives possessions to His children even in their sleep**
   Psalm 127:2

4. **When Lord gives riches, it is a blessing**
   Proverbs 10:22

5. **Lord giving possessions conditioned upon obedience**
   (See Our part Scriptures)

6. **Lord gives us precisely enough**
   2 Samuel 12:7-8

- **According to our ability to handle possessions**
  Matthew 25:14-15

LORD CAUSES PROSPERITY

Genesis 32:9
Genesis 32:12
Genesis 39:2-3
Genesis 39:21-23

1. **Prosperity conditioned upon obedience and seeking the Lord**
   See Our Part Scriptures
2. **Prayers for Lord to bless financially**
   Psalm 115:14
   Psalm 118:25
   3 John 2

LORD GIVES AND TAKES AWAY POSSESSIONS

Job 1:21-22
Job 2:9-10

1. **Lord makes rich and poor**
   1 Samuel 2:7
   Ecclesiastes 7:14
2. **Lord takes away or withholds possessions when unfaithful, disobedient, or not seeking the Lord**
   (See Our part scriptures)

- **Lord is merciful and will provide a means of restoration**
  Judges 2:13-16
  Jeremiah 29:14
  Jeremiah 32:44
  Jeremiah 33:7, 11, 26
  Jeremiah 48:47
  Jeremiah 49:6
  Joel 3:1-2
  Zephaniah 2:7
  Zephaniah 3:20
  Zechariah 8:10-12

3. **Lord takes away wealth of ungodly people and nations**
   Proverbs 15:25
   Ezekiel 26:12, 14
   Zechariah 9:3-4
   Zechariah 14:1-2
4. **Lord sometimes transfers wealth from ungodly to godly**
   Genesis 31:6-7, 9
   Genesis 31:14-16

LORD PROTECTS OUR POSSESSIONS

Job 1:9-10
Genesis 31:42

Our part

LORD GAVE PEOPLE AUTHORITY OVER THE EARTH

Genesis 1:28
Psalm 8:6
Psalm 115:16
Hebrews 2:6-8

PARABLE ILLUSTRATING LORD GIVING PEOPLE AUTHORITY OVER HIS POSSESSIONS

Matthew 25:14

OUR POSITION IS THAT OF A STEWARD

EXAMPLES OF STEWARDS

Genesis 24:2
Genesis 39:4-6
Genesis 39:7-9
1 Corinthians 9:17

STEWARDS HAVE CERTAIN RESPONSIBILITIES

RECOGNISE LORD AS OWNER OF POSSESSIONS AND TRANSFER OWNERSHIP TO HIM

1. **Must give ownership of possessions to Lord to be a disciple**
   Luke 14:33
2. **Leaving everything to follow Lord results in blessings**
   Matthew 19:27-29
   Mark 10:28-30
   Luke 18:28-30

3. **Examples of leaving everything to follow Lord**
   Mark 1:20
   Luke 5:11
   Luke 5:27-28

4. **Parable illustrating leaving everything to follow Lord**
   Matthew 13:44-46

BE FAITHFUL

1 Corinthians 4:2

1. **Blessings of faithfulness**
   Proverbs 28:20
   Matthew 24:44-46

- **Blessed with more intimate fellowship with the Lord**
  Matthew 25:21

- **Blessed with more responsibility**
  Matthew 25:20-23
  Luke 12:42-44
  Luke 19:12-26

2. **Cursed for unfaithfulness**
   Matthew 24:48-51
   Matthew 25:14-30
   Luke 12:45-47
   Luke 19:12-26

- **Example of unfaithful steward**
  Luke 16:1-8

BE OBEDIENT/SEEK THE LORD

1. **Blessings of obedience/seeking the Lord**
   Deuteronomy 7:12-13
   Deuteronomy 15:4-6
   Deuteronomy 28:1-14
   Deuteronomy 29:9
   Deuteronomy 30:9-10
   Deuteronomy 30:15-16
   Joshua 1:8
   1 Kings 2:3
   1 Chronicles 22:12-13
   1 Chronicles 28:8
   Psalm 37:4
   Psalm 128:1-2

- **Examples of obedience and blessing**
  2 Kings 18:6-7
  2 Chronicles 14:7
  2 Chronicles 26:5
  2 Chronicles 31:20-21
  Isaiah 30:22-23

2. Curse of disobedience/not seeking the Lord
   Deuteronomy 28:15-18, 33
   Deuteronomy 28:45-48, 63
   Deuteronomy 30:15-18
   Ezra 7:26

- **Example of disobedience and cursing**
  Judges 2:13-14
  2 Chronicles 21:12-14,16,17
  2 Chronicles 24:20
  Nehemiah 9:33-36
  Jeremiah 10:21
  Ezekiel 16:17-19, 39
  Haggai 1:4-11
  Haggai 2:15-17

TRUST IN THE LORD, NOT OURSELVES OR POSSESSIONS

1. Blessings/prosperity for those who trust in Lord
   Psalm 112:1,3
   Proverbs 22:4
   Proverbs 28:25

2. Consequences of trusting in ourselves or our possessions
   Proverbs 11:28
   Jeremiah 17:5-6
   Jeremiah 48:7
   Jeremiah 49:4-5

HELD ACCOUNTABLE FOR OUR STEWARDSHIP

Matthew 25:14, 19
Luke 16:2
2 Corinthians 5:9-10
Revelation 20:11-12

Contentment

CONTENTMENT IS LEARNED/ENABLED BY THE LORD

Philippians 4:11-13

- **Be content/not anxious because Lord is our provider**
  Matthew 6:25-34
  Luke 12:22-31
  Hebrews 13:5-6
- **Be content with basic needs of life satisfied**
  1 Timothy 6:8
- **Be content with your salary**
  Luke 3:14
- **Contentment comes largely because of a desire for Christ**
  Psalm 73:25

CONTENTMENT AND GODLINESS YIELD GREAT GAIN

1 Timothy 6:6

A HUSBAND OF AN ADULTERESS WILL NOT BE CONTENT

Proverbs 6:35

Coveting

COMMANDED NOT TO COVET

Exodus 20:17
Deuteronomy 5:21
Deuteronomy 7:25

PUNISHMENT THREATENED FOR COVETING

Joshua 6:18
Micah 2:1-3

1. **Example of punishment for coveting**
   Joshua 7:11-25
2. **Examples of coveting given to instruct us**
   1 Corinthians 10:6

THE COVETOUS SHALL NOT INHERIT THE KINGDOM OF GOD

1 Corinthians 6:9-10

1. **Covetous person is an idolater**
   Ephesians 5:3, 5

DO NOT ASSOCIATE WITH A COVETOUS BELIEVER

1 Corinthians 5:9-11

EXAMPLE OF GODLY PERSON NOT COVETING

Acts 20:33

GOD CAN CONTROL COVETING

Exodus 34:23-24

COVETING USED AS ILLUSTRATION OF THE FUNCTION OF THE LAW

Romans 7:7-8

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Free to serve Him

Debt | Counsel | Honesty

Debt

WE ARE ENCOURAGED NOT TO BE IN DEBT

Romans 13:8

DEBT COMPARED TO SLAVERY

Proverbs 22:7

1. **Commanded not to be slaves of others**
   1 Corinthians 7:23

EXAMPLES OF HARDSHIP OF DEBT

1 Samuel 22:1-2
2 Kings 4:1
Nehemiah 5:1-5
Psalm 109:11
Isaiah 50:1

BEING DEBT-FREE WAS POSITIVE

Jeremiah 15:10
Debt was considered a curse
Deuteronomy 28:15, 43-45

BEING DEBT-FREE WAS CONSIDERED A BLESSING

Deuteronomy 15:4-6
Deuteronomy 28:1-2, 12

DEBT REPAYMENT

GODLY PEOPLE REPAY DEBTS

Proverbs 3:27-28

WICKED PEOPLE DO NOT REPAY DEBTS

Psalm 37:21

LORD CAN SUPERNATURALLY PROVIDE RESOURCES TO GET OUT OF DEBT

2 Kings 4:1-7

FORGIVENESS OF DEBTS EVERY SEVENTH YEAR – A LAW FOR OLD TESTAMENT BELIEVERS

Deuteronomy 15:1-11
Deuteronomy 31:10-11
Nehemiah 10:31

MISCELLANEOUS EXAMPLE OF DEBT REPAYMENT

Philemon 18-19

INDEBTEDNESS USED AS EXAMPLES IN TEACHING

TEACHING OF JESUS CHRIST

Matthew 18:21-35
Luke 7:40-43

TEACHING OF PAUL

Colossians 2:14

COSIGNING (SURETY/STRIKING HANDS)

COSIGNING DISCOURAGED

Proverbs 17:18
Proverbs 20:16
Proverbs 27:13

COSIGNING DANGEROUS

Proverbs 11:15
Proverbs 22:26-27

COSIGNING DELIVERANCE

Proverbs 6:1-5

Counsel

COUNSEL ENCOURAGED

Proverbs 1:5
Proverbs 1:25
Proverbs 1:30
Proverbs 12:15
Proverbs 13:10
Proverbs 19:20
Proverbs 20:18
Proverbs 27:9
Ecclesiastes 4:13
Luke 13:31

MANY COUNSELLORS ENCOURAGED

Proverbs 11:14
Proverbs 15:22
Proverbs 24:5-6

- **Additional people increase productivity**
  Leviticus 26:8
  Ecclesiastes 4:9-12

EXAMPLES OF GIVING/FOLLOWING COUNSEL

Exodus 18:14-24
1 Kings 1:11-12
Job 29:21-23

EXAMPLE OF NOT GIVING/FOLLOWING COUNSEL

2 Chronicles 25:14-16

SOURCES OF COUNSEL

THE LORD

Job 12:13
Psalm 16:7
Psalm 25:12
Psalm 32:8
Psalm 33:10-11
Psalm 73:24
Proverbs 19:21
Isaiah 9:6
Isaiah 11:2
Isaiah 28:29
Jeremiah 32:18-19

1. **Consequences of not seeking Lord's counsel**
   1 Chronicles 10:13-14
   Joshua 9:14-15
   Psalm 106:13-15
   Psalm 107:10-12

2. **The Lord controls the counsel of people**
   2 Samuel 15:31, 33-34
   2 Samuel 16:20, 23
   2 Samuel 17:6-23

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 119:24

GODLY PEOPLE

1. **Mother and father**
   Proverbs 1:8-9
   Proverbs 6:20-22
   Proverbs 23:22
   Example of godly father's counsel
   1 Kings 2:1-4

2. **Those gifted with wisdom**
   2 Chronicles 9:23
   Proverbs 13:20
   1 Corinthians 12:8

3. **Experienced people**
   1 Kings 12:6-8
   2 Chronicles 10:6-8

COUNSEL TO BE AVOIDED

THE WICKED

Job 21:14-16
Psalm 1:1
Proverbs 12:5

1. **Example of evil counsel**
   Ezra 4:4-5
   Nahum 1:11

2. **Idolatrous people**
   Deuteronomy 32:28
   Isaiah 41:28-29

INEXPERIENCED

1 Kings 12:8-10, 13-14
2 Chronicles 10:8-10, 13-14

BLESSINGS AND CURSES

BLESSINGS AND BENEFITS OF SEEKING COUNSEL

1. **Success**
   Proverbs 11:14
   Proverbs 15:22
   Proverbs 24:6

2. **Direction and guidance**
   Psalm 32:8
   Psalm 73:24
   Proverbs 6:20-22

3. **Wisdom**
   Proverbs 13:10
   Proverbs 19:20

4. **Joy in giving counsel**
   Proverbs 12:20

CURSES/CONSEQUENCES OF NOT SEEKING COUNSEL OR SEEKING WICKED COUNSEL

1. **Death**
   1 Chronicles 10:13,14
   2 Chronicles 22:3-5
   2 Chronicles 25:16
   Proverbs 1:24-32

2. **Strife**
   Proverbs 13:10
3. **Plans frustrated**
   Proverbs 15:22
4. **Failure**
   Proverbs 11:14
5. **Miscellaneous curses and consequences**
   Joshua 9:14-15
   Psalm 106:13-15
   Psalm 107: 10-12
   Titus 1:12
   Revelation 9:20-21

- **Parable using dishonesty as illustration**
  Luke 16:1-8

DISHONESTY CONCEALED BY RELIGION

Jeremiah 7:9-11
Matthew 21:12-13
Matthew 23:25
Mark 11:15-17
Luke 11:39
Luke 19:45-46
Titus 1:10-11

Honesty

PEOPLE ARE DISHONEST

HUMAN HEART IS DISHONEST

Genesis 8:21
Jeremiah 17:9
Matthew 15:19
Mark 7:21-22

PEOPLE PRACTICE RELATIVE HONESTY

Judges 17:6

EXAMPLES OF DISHONEST PEOPLE

Genesis 31:7
Joshua 7:11, 20-21
1 Samuel 8:3
1 Kings 21:19
Psalm 58:3
Isaiah 1:23
Isaiah 56:11
Jeremiah 6:13
Jeremiah 7:9, 11
Ezekiel 22:27, 29
Hosea 4:1-2
Hosea 5:10
Hosea 7:1
Hosea 12:7
Micah 6:10-12
John 12:4-6
John 18:40
Acts 5:1-10

GOD DEMANDS ABSOLUTE HONESTY

THE LORD IS TRUTH, SATAN A LIAR

1. **The Lord is truth**
   John 1:14
   John 14:6
   John 16:13
   1 John 5:7
2. **Satan is a liar**
   John 8:44

UNDER OLD TESTAMENT LAW

Exodus 20:15
Leviticus 19:11-13
Leviticus 19:35-36
Leviticus 25:14-17
Deuteronomy 5:19
Deuteronomy 19:14
Deuteronomy 25:13-16

AS A GENERAL BIBLICAL PRINCIPLE

Psalm 34:13
Psalm 51:6
Psalm 62:10
Proverbs 3:3
Proverbs 4:24
Proverbs 6:12
Proverbs 6:16, 19
Proverbs 11:1
Proverbs 12:22
Proverbs 13:5
Proverbs 14:5
Proverbs 14:25
Proverbs 17:7
Proverbs 16:11
Proverbs 20:10

Proverbs 20:23
Proverbs 22:22-23
Proverbs 22:28
Proverbs 23:10
Proverbs 23:23
Proverbs 28:24
Lamentations 3:35-36
Zechariah 8:16-17
Luke 3:12-14
Romans 2:21-22
Corinthians 6:7-10
Ephesians 4:25
Ephesians 6:14
Colossians 3:9
1 Thessalonians 5:22
1 Timothy 1:9-10
Titus 2:9-10
1 Peter 1:15-16
1 Peter 4:15

REQUIRED OF LEADERS

1. **Government**
   Exodus 18:21-22
   Proverbs 20:28
   Proverbs 28:16
   Ezekiel 45:9-10
2. **Church**
   1 Timothy 3:8
   Titus 1:7
   1 Peter 5:1-2

HONESTY REQUIRED IN GIVING

Malachi 1:13-14

- **Not giving properly considered robbery**
  Malachi 3:8-9

HONESTY MORE VALUABLE THAN RICHES

Proverbs 19:1
Proverbs 19:22
Proverbs 28:12

EXAMPLES OF HONEST PEOPLE

Numbers 16:15
1 Samuel 12:3-5
Job 31:5, 8
Daniel 6:4
Daniel 6:22
Zephaniah 3:13

- **Example of testing people for honesty**
  Genesis 42:11, 18-20
  Genesis 42:31-34

GODLY PEOPLE HATE DISHONESTY

Proverbs 13:5

WHY DOES GOD DEMAND ABSOLUTE HONESTY?

WE CANNOT BE DISHONEST AND LOVE GOD

Proverbs 14:2

WE CANNOT BE DISHONEST AND LOVE OUR NEIGHBOUR

Proverbs 26:28
Romans 13:9-10

HONESTY CREATES CREDIBILITY FOR EVANGELISM

Philippians 2:15

HONESTY HELPS DIRECT OUR LIVES

Proverbs 4:24-26

EVEN THE SMALLEST DISHONESTY IS DEVASTATING

Luke 16:10

HOW CAN WE ESCAPE THE TEMPTATION TO BE DISHONEST?

BY THE LORD'S GRACE AND POWER

Psalm 119:36
Proverbs 30:7-8
Galatians 5:16-17

BY PRACTICING THE GOLDEN RULE

Matthew 7:12
Philippians 2:4

BY A HEALTHY FEAR OF THE LORD

Proverbs 16:6

ISOLATING OURSELVES FROM THE DISHONEST

Psalm 26:4
Psalm 40:4
Psalm 101:6-7
Proverbs 1:10-16
Proverbs 29:24
1 Corinthians 5:9-11
1 Corinthians 15:33

BY GIVING

Ephesians 4:28

BY ESTABLISHING A SYSTEM OF ACCOUNTABILITY

Genesis 30:31-33

WHAT DO WE DO WHEN WE HAVE ACTED DISHONESTY?

RESTORE OUR FELLOWSHIP WITH THE LORD

Leviticus 5:5-6
Leviticus 6:1-5, 7
1 John 1:9

RESTORE OUR FELLOWSHIP WITH THE HARMED PERSON

Proverbs 28:13
James 5:16

RESTORE ANY STOLEN PROPERTY

Exodus 22:1-4
Exodus 22:7-9
Exodus 22:14
Leviticus 6:1-5
Numbers 5:5-8
2 Samuel 12:5-6
Proverbs 6:30-31
Ezekiel 33:14-16
Luke 19:8

BLESSINGS AND CURSES

BLESSINGS PROMISED FOR THE HONEST

1. **Blessing of a more intimate relationship with the Lord**
   Psalm 15:1-4
   Psalm 24:3-4
   Psalm 145:18
   Proverbs 3:3-4
   Proverbs 3:32
   Proverbs 12:22
   Jeremiah 22:15-17
2. **Blessing of protection**
   Proverbs 2:7
   Proverbs 10:9
3. **Blessing of provision**
   Isaiah 33:15-16
4. **Blessing on the family**
   Proverbs 20:7
5. **Blessing of happiness**
   Proverbs 10:2
6. **Blessing of life**
   Deuteronomy 25:13-15
   Psalm 34:12-13
   Proverbs 12:19
   Ezekiel 33:14-16
7. **Blessing of the respect of people**
   Proverbs 3:3-4
8. **Blessing of prosperity**
   Proverbs 15:6
9. **Blessing for leaders**
   Proverbs 28:16

CURSES RESERVED FOR THE DISHONEST

1. **Curse of being hated/separated from God**
   Deuteronomy 25:13-16
   Psalm 5:6
   Proverbs 3:32
   Proverbs 6:16, 19
   Proverbs 12:22
   Proverbs 19:9
   Isaiah 57:17
   Isaiah 59:2-4
2. **Curse of punishment/judgement**
   Deuteronomy 27:17
   Psalm 63:11
   Proverbs 12-15
   Proverbs 19:5
   Proverbs 20:17
   Isaiah 57:17
   Jeremiah 5:27-29
   Jeremiah 9:3-9
   Ezekiel 22:13-15
   Ezekiel 22:27-31
   Hosea 5:10
   Amos 8:4-10
   Micah 6:10-16
   Matthew 21:12-13
   Luke 19:45-46
3. **Curse of death/destruction**
   Joshua 7:11, 15, 25
   Psalm 5:6
   Psalm 52:3-5
   Proverbs 1:19
   Proverbs 6:12, 15
   Proverbs 12:19
   Proverbs 21:6
   Proverbs 22:8
   Proverbs 22:22-23
   Jeremiah 22:17-19
   Ezekiel 18:10-13, 18
   Acts 5:1-10
4. **Curse on family**
   Proverbs 15:27
   Jeremiah 8:10
   Micah 2:1-3

5. **Curse on possessions**
   Genesis 31:7, 9
   Proverbs 10:2
   Proverbs 13:11
   Jeremiah 6:12-13
   Jeremiah 17:11
   Micah 4:13
6. **Curse of pride**
   Proverbs 22:8
7. **Curse on a leader's subordinates**
   Proverbs 29:12
8. **Curse in eternity**
   Revelation 21:8
   Revelation 21:27
   Revelation 22:15
9. **Curses in general**
   Deuteronomy 27:17
   Proverbs 20:17
   Nahum 3:1

PEOPLE'S VIEW OF GOD NOT PUNISHING DISHONESTY

Job 24:1-2, 12

BRIBES

PEOPLE BRIBE

1. **Bribes are effective**
   Proverbs 17:8
   Proverbs 21:14
2. **Wicked people bribe**
   Psalm 26:9-10
   Proverbs 17:23
3. **Examples of those who bribed**
   1 Samuel 8:3
   Isaiah 1:23
   Micah 7:3
   Matthew 28:11-15
   Acts 24:25-26

COMMANDED NOT TO PARTICIPATE IN A BRIBE

Exodus 23:8
Deuteronomy 16:19

1. **Bribes corrupt**
   Ecclesiastes 7:7
2. **Lord example of not taking bribe**
   Deuteronomy 10:17
3. **Leaders cannot take bribes**
   2 Chronicles 19:7
   Proverbs 29:4
4. **Examples of those who did not take bribes**
   1 Samuel 12:3-5
   Job 6:22

BLESSINGS AND CURSES

1. **Those who bribe are curses**
   Deuteronomy 27:25
   Isaiah 5:23
   Ezekiel 22:12-15
   Amos 5:11-12
   Micah 3:11-12
2. **Those who do not bribe are blessed**
   Psalm 15:1, 5
   Proverbs 15:27
   Isaiah 33:15-1

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Growing in generosity

Giving | Work | Poor | Riches

Giving

TESTS OF GIVING

TEST OF FAITH

James 2:14-17

TEST OF LOVE OF GOD ABIDING IN US

1 John 3:17

TEST OF LOVING OUR NEIGHBOUR

2 Corinthians 8:8

- **Example of Good Samaritan**
  Luke 10:33-35

TEST OF LORDSHIP

Matthew 19:21-22
Mark 10:21-22
Luke 18:22-23

ATTITUDES IN GIVING

GOD'S ATTITUDE

John 3:16
1 John 4:16
James 1:17

OUR ATTITUDE

1. **What is the proper attitude?**

- **In love**
  1 Corinthians 13:3
- **Cheerful**
  2 Corinthians 9:7

2. **How do we give with love?**

- **Give to the Lord as an expression of love and worship**
  Exodus 25:2
  Exodus 30:12-14
  Exodus 35:5
  Exodus 35:21-29
  Leviticus 7:14
  Numbers 18:8-24
  2 Chronicles 32:23
  1 Chronicles 18:11
  2 Samuel 8:11
  Psalm 50:14
  Psalm 66:13
  Psalm 68:29
  Psalm 76:11
  Ezekiel 20:40
  Micah 4:13
- **All we possess is from the Lord and we are giving back to Him**
  1 Chronicles 29:14-16
- **Example of the Christ Child**
  Matthew 2:1
- **Example of not giving to the Lord**
  Isaiah 43:23-24

3. **Give cheerfully by submitting to the Lord/ offer willingly**
   1 Chronicles 29:5-9
   1 Chronicles 29:14-17
   2 Corinthians 8:1-5

4. **Attitude more important than the amount given**
   Matthew 23:23
   Luke 11:42
   Luke 18:10-14

- **Giving with the proper attitude/Lord accepting gift**
  Genesis 4:4
  Hebrews 11:4
  Philippians 4:18
- **Giving with wrong attitude/Lord rejecting gift**
  Genesis 4:3-5
  Amos 4:4-6
  Amos 5:22, 24
  Amos 5:25-27
  Malachi 2:13-14
- **Lying to Holy Spirit**
  Acts 5:1-10
- **To justify sin**
  Proverbs 7:14

ADVANTAGES OF GIVING

BENEFITS FOR THE GIVER

Acts 20:35

1. **Increase in intimacy with Lord**
   Matthew 6:21
   Luke 12:34

2. **Increase in heaven**
   Matthew 6:20
   Matthew 19:21
   Luke 12:33
   Luke 18:22
   Philippians 4:17
   1Timothy 6:17-19

3. **Increase on earth**
   Deuteronomy 14:28-29
   2 Chronicles 31:10
   Proverbs 3:9-10
   Proverbs 11:24-25
   Ecclesiastes 11:1
   Luke 6:38
   2 Corinthians 9:6-11
   Philippians 4:19

- **Challenge to test Lord for material increase**
  Malachi 3:10

4. **Increase in blessings**
   Ezekiel 44:30
   Luke 7:2-5
   Acts 9:36-37, 40
   Acts 10:1-4, 31

AMOUNT TO GIVE

TITHE

1. **Before the law**
   Genesis 14:20
   Genesis 28:20-22

2. **Under the law**
   Leviticus 27:30-32

- **Not tithing considered robbing God**
  Malachi 3:8-9

- **Tithe eaten in presence of Lord**
  Deuteronomy 14:22-26

- **Tithe given to support Levites and poor**
  Numbers 18:21-24
  Deuteronomy 14:28-29
  Deuteronomy 26:12
  2 Chronicles 31:4-12
  Nehemiah 10:37-38
  Nehemiah 13:10-11

- **Levites were to tithe from their tithe**
  Numbers 18:26

3. **Tithe in the New Testament**

- **Jesus condemns the Pharisees (see ii 4)**

- **The superiority of priesthood of Melchizedek**
  Hebrews 7:1-2, 4-9

4. **Storehouse tithe**
   2 Chronicles 31:11-12
   Nehemiah 10:38
   Nehemiah 12:44
   Nehemiah 13:12

OFFERINGS

(See sections iv and viii)

PROPORTIONATE GIVING (AS GOD PROSPERS)

Deuteronomy 16:10, 16
1 Corinthians 16:2

1. **Examples of proportionate giving**
   Ezra 2:69
   Acts 11:29

2. **Acceptable amount given in proportion to one's means**
   2 Corinthians 8:12

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Mark 12:41-44
Luke 21:1-4
2 Corinthians 8:1-4

1. **Do not give something that costs you nothing**
   2 Samuel 24:21-24
   1 Chronicles 21:22-24

2. **Cursed when giving something stolen or blemished**
   Malachi 1:6-14

APPROACH TO GIVING

PATTERN FOR GIVING

1. **Priority**
   Exodus 23:10-11
   Exodus 34:19
   Exodus 34:26
   Leviticus 2:12
   Numbers 28:26
   Deuteronomy 26:1-2
   Proverbs 3:9

2. **Promptly**
   Exodus 22:29
   Deuteronomy 23:21
   Ecclesiastes 5:4

3. **Premeditated**
   2 Corinthians 9:7
4. **Periodic**
   1 Corinthians 16:2
5. **Personal**
   Exodus 34:20
   Deuteronomy 16:17
   Ezekiel 45:16
   Acts 11:29
   1 Corinthians 16:2
6. **Private deposit**
   1 Corinthians 16:2
7. **Pride less**
   Matthew 6:1-4
8. **Prompted heart**
   Exodus 25:2
   Exodus 35:5
   Exodus 35:21-29
   2 Kings 12:4

POLICIES FOR GIVING

1. **Administration and accountability**
   1 Chronicles 26:20
   1 Chronicles 26:26
   2 Chronicles 31:14-15
   Nehemiah 12:44
   Nehemiah 13:13
   2 Corinthians 8:18-21
   Acts 11:30
   1 Corinthians 16:3-4

- **Examples of not requiring accountability**
  2 Kings 12:15
  2 Kings 22:7

PLACES TO GIVE

1. **Family**
   1 Timothy 5:8

- **Parents**
  Matthew 15:4-6
  Mark 7:9-13
- **Widows**
  1 Timothy 5:4
  1 Timothy 5:16
- **Example of giving to family**
  Genesis 45:11
  Genesis 47:12

2. **Ministry**
   Levitical priests (also see iv)
   Leviticus 2:3
   Leviticus 7:14
   Leviticus 7:32-34
   Leviticus 10:12-14
   Numbers 5:8-10
   Numbers 18:8-19
   Numbers 31:28-30
   Deuteronomy 18:3-4
   Deuteronomy 25:4
   Nehemiah 10:35-36
   Nehemiah 12:47
   Ezekiel 44:29-30

- **New Testament workers**
  Matthew 10:9-10
  Mark 6:8
  Luke 9:1-3
  Luke 10:1, 4-7
  Galatians 6:6
  1 Timothy 5:17-18
  Titus 3:13
  3 John 1:5-8
- **Jesus supported by gifts during his earthly ministry**
  Luke 8:3
- **Christian workers who did not exercise their right to be supported**
  1 Corinthians 9:6-15
  1 Corinthians 9:17-18
  2 Corinthians 11:7-9
  2 Corinthians 12:14-18
  1 Thessalonians 2:5, 9
  2 Thessalonians 3:8-9
- **Christian workers must not minister with evil financial intentions**
  1 Peter 5:1-2
- **Many attempt to get money by appearing to be religious**
  2 Corinthians 2:17
  Titus 1:10-11
  2 Peter 2:1, 3
- **Disciples urged to prepare**
  Luke 22:35-36

THE SANCTUARY/TEMPLE

- **The building of the sanctuary**
  Exodus 25:3-8
- **Gave more than enough**
  Exodus 36:3-7

- **The building of the temple**
  1 Chronicles 29:2-8
- **The temple cost a great deal**
  1 Kings 5:17
- **The repair of the temple**
  2 Kings 12:4-11
  2 Kings 22:4-6
  2 Chronicles 24:4-13
  2 Chronicles 34:8-11

1. **The rebuilding of the temple**
   Ezra 2:68-69
   Ezra 6:4
   Ezra 6:8
2. **Maintenance of the temple**
   Nehemiah 10:30, 39
3. **Miscellaneous categories**

- **Those who ask for a gift**
  Matthew 5:42
  Luke 6:30
- **All people, especially believers**
  Galatians 6:10
  Romans 12:10, 13
- **Enemies**
  Proverbs 25:21-22
  Romans 12:20
- **Do not give to a murderer**
  Proverbs 28:17

GIVING TO THE POOR

GOD'S COMMANDS AND PERSPECTIVE OF GIVING TO THE POOR

Deuteronomy 15:11
Proverbs 14:31
Proverbs 19:17
Isaiah 58:6-10
Ezekiel 16:49

1. **Old Testament provisions for the poor**

- **Laws of harvesting and gleaning**
  Exodus 23:10-11
  Leviticus 19:9-10
  Leviticus 23:22
  Deuteronomy 24:19-21
- **Forgiveness of debts**
  (see Debt section)
- **Unlimited liability of meeting needs**
  Deuteronomy 15:7-10
- **Celebration of Purim**
  Ester 9:22
- **Tithe to poor (see iv. a)**
- **Year of Jubilee**
  Leviticus 25:10
- **Examples of giving to the poor**
  Job 29:12-16
  Job 31:16-23
- **Righteous leader**
  Psalm 72:4, 12-13
- **Excellent wife**
  Proverbs 31:10, 20

2. **New Testament**

- **John the Baptist**
  Luke 3:10-11
- **Jesus Christ identifies with poor**
  Matthew 25:31-45
- **Jesus models giving to the poor**
  John 13:27-29
- **Formerly dishonest to give to the poor**
  Ephesians 4:28
- **Other examples**
  Acts 2:44-45
  Acts 11:28-30
  Acts 20:35
  Romans 15:26-27
  Galatians 2:10

BLESSINGS AND CURSES

1. **Blessings of giving to the poor**

- **Blessing of knowing the Lord**
  Jeremiah 22:16
- **Blessing of life**
  Ezekiel 18:7, 9, 16-17
- **Blessing on family**
  Psalm 112:2, 9
- **Blessing of needs met**
  Proverbs 28:27
- **Blessing of health**
  Psalm 41:1-3
- **Blessing of prayers answered and guidance**
  Isaiah 58:6-11

- **Blessing of delivery and protection**
  Psalm 41:1-2
- **Blessing of honour**
  Psalm 112:9
- **Blessing on work and of wealth**
  Deuteronomy 15:10
  Deuteronomy 24:19
  Psalm 72:4, 12-15
  Psalm 112:3, 9
  Proverbs 19:17
  Proverbs 28:8
  Daniel 4:27
- **Blessing of spiritual fruitfulness**
  Titus 3:13-14
- **Blessings in general**
  Proverbs 22:9
- **Blessings of happiness**
  Proverbs 14:21

2. **Curses for those who do not give to the poor**

- **Curse of unanswered prayer**
  Proverbs 21:13
- **Curse of poverty**
  Proverbs 22:16
- **Cursed in general**
  Proverbs 28:27

MISCELLANEOUS ISSUES IN GIVING TO THE POOR

1. **Attitude of compassion**
   Job 30:25
2. **Investigate the needs of the poor**
   Job 29:16
3. **Godly accused of not giving to the poor**
   Job 22:5, 7, 9
4. **Example of giving glory to God instead of giving to the poor**
   Matthew 26:6-13
   Mark 14:3-7
   John 12:3-8
5. **Care of widows required**
   Acts 6:1-3
   James 1:27
6. **Results of proper ownership perspective: no poor**
   Acts 4:32-33
7. **There were provisions for the poor to give less**
   Leviticus 5:7, 11
   Leviticus 12:6, 8
   Leviticus 14:21-22
   Leviticus 14:30-32
   Leviticus 27:8

- **Jesus' parents were in this category**
  Luke 2:22-24
- **During census rich and poor gave same amount**
  Exodus 30:12-15

8. **Giving to the poor can be evidence of salvation**
   Luke 19:8-9

MISCELLANEOUS EXAMPLES OF GIVING (NOT TO THE LORD)

Genesis 24:22, 53
Genesis 43:11-12, 15
2 Chronicles 9:8-9
2 Chronicles 9:12
2 Chronicles 31:23
2 Chronicles 32:23
2 Chronicles 35:7-9
Ezra 1:4, 6
Nehemiah 7:70-72
Esther 2:18
Psalm 72:10
Jeremiah 40:5

TO APPEASE OTHERS

Genesis 32:13, 20
Genesis 33:8-11
Proverbs 21:14

TO INFLUENCE OTHERS

Genesis 34:11-12

TO SEEK WISDOM

2 Chronicles 9:23-24
1 Kings 10:10

WICKED CELEBRATE THE DEATH OF THE GODLY

Revelation 11:10

MISCELLANEOUS GIVING ISSUES

LOCATION TO GIVE

Exodus 23:19
Exodus 34:26
Deuteronomy 12:6
Deuteronomy 12:11
Deuteronomy 12:17-18

WE MAY HAVE NO MONEY TO GIVE, BUT WE CAN GIVE CHRIST

Acts 3:2-6

GENEROUS PERSON WILL HAVE MANY REQUESTS TO GIVE

Proverbs 19:6

GIVING CAN BE AFFECTED BY COVETEDNESS

2 Corinthians 9:5

GIVING RESULTS IN THANKSGIVING TO GOD

2 Corinthians 9:12

DO NOT GIVE BEFORE ATTEMPTING RECONCILIATION

Matthew 5:23-24

SCRIPTURE ENCOURAGES US TO GIVE

Nahum 1:15
Hebrews 13:16

GIVING CAN BE A TESTIMONY

Matthew 8:4
Mark 1:44
Luke 5:14

EXAMPLE OF GIVING TO AN NATION

Acts 24:17

THINGS BETTER THAN A SACRIFICE

1. **Love of God and neighbour**
   Mark 12:33
2. **Loyalty to and knowledge of God**
   Hosea 6:6
3. **Obedience**
   1 Samuel 15:22
   Isaiah 1:11
4. **Righteousness/justice**
   Proverbs 21:3

OFFERINGS

1. **Compulsory**
   Ezekiel 46:11-15
2. **Voluntary**
   Ezekiel 46:12
3. **Examples of offerings**
   1 Kings 8:62-64
   Ezra 1:2, 4, 6
   Ezra 7:15-18, 20-22

IF YOUR SPIRITUAL GIFT IS GIVING, EXERCISE IT

Romans 12:6-8

GIVE TO MEET NEEDS

Exodus 16:18
2 Corinthians 8:13-15

Work

BIBLICAL PERSPECTIVE OF WORK

WORK NECESSARY

1. **Lord himself is a worker**
   Genesis 2:2-3
   Genesis 2:8
   John 5:17
2. **Required in Old Testament**
   Exodus 20:9
   Exodus 23:12
   Exodus 34:21
   Deuteronomy 5:13
3. **Required in New Testament**
   Ephesians 4:28
   2 Thessalonians 3:8-12
4. **Work expected**
   Psalm 104:23

THE REQUIREMENT TO WORK NOT A CONSEQUENCE OF SIN

1. **Lord commanded people to work before the fall**
   Genesis 2:15
2. **Lord commanded people to work after the fall, but work more difficult**
   Genesis 3:17-19, 23
   Genesis 5:29

ALL HONEST WORK HONOURABLE

1. **Examples of godly peoples' vocations**

- **Farmer**
  Genesis 2:15
  Genesis 4:2
  Genesis 9:20
  Genesis 46:32
  Genesis 47:3
  Amos 7:14
- **Domestic worker**
  Genesis 39:4
- **Government workers and leaders**
  Genesis 41:41
  Genesis 45:26

Nehemiah 4:14
Psalm 105:21
Daniel 2:48
Daniel 6:1-2
Daniel 8:27
Acts 8:27

- **Fishermen**
  Matthew 4:18
  Mark 1:16
  Mark 1:20
- **Building trades**
  Matthew 13:55
  Mark 6:3
  Acts 18:2-3
- **Tax collectors**
  Mark 2:14
  Luke 5:27
  Luke 19:2
- **Retailer**
  Acts 16:14

WORK AS UNTO THE LORD

1 Corinthians 10:31
Ephesians 6:5-9
Colossians 3:17
Colossians 3:23-24

- **Some people view work as a useless vanity**
  Ecclesiastes 1:3
  Ecclesiastes 2:4-5, 10-11
  Ecclesiastes 2:18-24
  Ecclesiastes 3:9-10, 13
  Ecclesiastes 4:4-6
  Ecclesiastes 5:18-19
  Ecclesiastes 6:7

OUR WORK SHOULD BE THE WORK GOD INTENDS FOR US

1 Samuel 2:28
Psalm 90:17
John 4:34
John 6:27
Acts 13:36
1 Corinthians 3:13-15
Ephesians 2:10

1. **Work that will glorify the Lord**
   John 17:4
2. **Productive to know precise work Lord has for us**
   John 21:3-11
3. **Work is useless apart from the Lord**
   Psalm 127:1
   Proverbs 16:3

- **There must be no selfish ambition in work**
  Romans 2:6, 8
  2 Corinthians 5:9-10
  James 3:14-16
- **Do not desire greatness for self**
  Jeremiah 45:5

4. **Strong, courageous and do not procrastinate**
   Joshua 1:6-7
   1 Chronicles 22:10, 13, 16
   1 Chronicles 28:20
   2 Chronicles 15:7
   Haggai 2:4

- **We will encounter difficulties when doing work Lord has for us**
  Ezra 4:4-5
  Nehemiah 4:15-22
  Nehemiah 6:3, 9

WORK HARD

Proverbs 12:27
Ecclesiastes 9:10
Ecclesiastes 11:6

1. **Examples of hard workers**
   Genesis 31:38-40
   Nehemiah 2:18
   Nehemiah 4:6
   Acts 20:34
   1 Corinthians 4:11-12
   2 Corinthians 11:27
   Colossians 1:29
   1 Thessalonians 2:9
   2 Thessalonians 3:8
2. **Hunger motivates us to work**
   Proverbs 16:26
3. **Hard workers should be paid first**
   2 Timothy 2:6
4. **Benefits of work/hard work**

- **Needs met**
  Proverbs 12:11
  Proverbs 27:18
  Proverbs 28:19
- **Profit and wealth**
  Proverbs 10:4-5
  Proverbs 13:11
  Proverbs 14:23
  Proverbs 21:5

- **Satisfied soul**
  Proverbs 13:4
- **Leadership**
  Proverbs 12:24
- **Restful sleep**
  Ecclesiastes 5:12
- **Happiness**
  Psalm 128:1-2

5. **Do not overwork**
   Psalm 127:2

- **Do not overwork to get rich**
  Proverbs 23:4

6. **Laziness condemned**
   Proverbs 6:6-8
   Proverbs 10:5
   Proverbs 10:26
   Proverbs 12:27
   Proverbs 15:19
   Proverbs 18:9
   Proverbs 19:24
   Proverbs 22:13
   Proverbs 26:13-16

7. **Consequences of laziness**

- **Hunger**
  Proverbs 19:15
  Proverbs 20:4
- **Poverty**
  Proverbs 6:9-11
  Proverbs 10:4
  Proverbs 14:23
  Proverbs 20:13
  Proverbs 23:21
  Proverbs 24:30-34
  Ecclesiastes 10:18
- **Death**
  Proverbs 21:25
- **Starved soul**
  Proverbs 13:4
- **Forced labour**
  Proverbs 12:24

TAKE TIME FROM WORK FOR REST AND WORSHIP

1. **Sabbath**

- **Lord established Sabbath**
  Genesis 2:2-3
  Exodus 20:11
  Exodus 31:17
  Hebrews 4:4, 10
- **Sabbath required in Old Testament**
  Exodus 12:16
  Exodus 20:9-10
  Exodus 23:12
  Exodus 34:21
  Exodus 35:2
  Leviticus 23:3
  Deuteronomy 5:13-14
  Nehemiah 10:31
  Jeremiah 17:21-22, 24
- **Penalty for not serving Sabbath**
  Exodus 31:15
  Numbers 15:32-35
  Nehemiah 13:15-18
  Jeremiah 7:27

2. **Sabbatical year**
   Exodus 23:10-11
   Leviticus 25:1-5
   Nehemiah 10:31

- **Consequences of not observing sabbatical year**
  Leviticus 26:34
  Leviticus 26:43

3. **Year of Jubilee**
   Leviticus 25:11

4. **Religious holidays in Old Testament**

- **Passover**
  Numbers 28:18
  Numbers 28:25
  Deuteronomy 16:8
- **Day of Atonement**
  Leviticus 16:29
  Leviticus 23:27-31
- **Feast of Unleavened Bread**
  Leviticus 23:7-8
- **Feast of Booths**
  Leviticus 23:34-36
  Numbers 29:12, 35
- **Various religious festivals**
  Leviticus 23:21
  Leviticus 23:24-25
  Numbers 28:26
  Numbers 29:1
  Numbers 29:7

GOD'S PART IN WORK

GOD GIVES JOB SKILLS

Exodus 28:3
Exodus 31:1-3
Exodus 31:6
Exodus 35:30-35
Exodus 36:1-2
1 Chronicles 22:12
2 Chronicles 1:11-12
2 Chronicles 9:23
Ecclesiastes 2:26
Daniel 1:17
Daniel 2:21, 23

GOD GIVES SUCCESS

Genesis 39:2-3
Ruth 2:12
1 Chronicles 22:11
Nehemiah 2:18, 20
Nehemiah 4:15, 19-20
Nehemiah 6:15-16
John 3:27

GOD CONTROLS PROMOTION

1 Chronicles 29:12
2 Chronicles 9:8
Psalm 75:6-7
Daniel 2:37-38
Daniel 5:21

GOD CAN MOTIVATE PEOPLE TO WORK

Haggai 1:14

EMPLOYER AND EMPLOYEE RESPONSIBILITIES

EMPLOYER RESPONSIBILITIES

1. **Pay a fair wage**
   Jeremiah 22:13
   Malachi 3:5

- **Example of negotiating for a fair wage**
  Genesis 29:15
  Genesis 30:28
- **Punishment for those not paying fair wage**
  James 5:1, 3-4
- **Parable with illustration of paying fair wage**
  Matthew 20:1-16

2. **Pay employee promptly**
   Leviticus 19:13
   Deuteronomy 24:14-15

3. **Be just and fair**
   Colossians 4:1

- **Do not threaten, rather serve employee**
  Ephesians 6:7-9

4. **Listen to employee complaints**
   Job 31:13-15

5. **Give employee adequate rest or suffer consequences**
   Isaiah 58:3

6. **If employer dishonest, employees become dishonest**
   Proverbs 29:12

7. **Special treatment for employees who are believers**
   Exodus 21:2
   Deuteronomy 15:12-14

- **Employer blessed for having godly employees**
  Genesis 30:27
  Genesis 39:5

7. **Faithful employer**
   Nehemiah 5:14-18

8. **Unfaithful employer**
   Exodus 1:13-14

9. **Be selective in hiring employees**
   Proverbs 26:10

EMPLOYEES RESPONSIBILITIES

1. **Be faithful**
   Daniel 6:4

- **Serve godly employer even more faithfully**
  1 Timothy 6:2
- **Success can be result of employee faithfulness**
  Proverbs 17:2
  Proverbs 27:18
  Daniel 6:28
- **Example of employees so faithful that accountability not required**
  2 Kings 12:15
  2 Kings 22:7

EXAMPLE OF SUPERVISED FAITHFUL EMPLOYEES

2 Chronicles 34:12

- **Faithful employee a blessing to employer**
  Proverbs 25:13

2. **Be obedient to employer because actually serving Lord**
   Ephesians 6:5-8

Colossians 3:22-24
Titus 2:9-10

- **Even when working for unreasonable employer**
  1 Peter 2:18-19

3. **Honour your employer**
   1 Timothy 6:1
   Titus 2:9
4. **Do not slander your fellow employees**
   Proverbs 30:10
5. **Be content with your wage**
   Luke 3:14
6. **Act with moral integrity**
   Genesis 39:7-9

GENERAL PRINCIPLES OF WORK AND BUSINESS

DO NOT BE IN BUSINESS PARTNERSHIP WITH UNBELIEVERS

2 Corinthians 6:14-17

BUILD BUSINESS BEFORE BUILDING HOUSE

Proverbs 24:27

PRODUCTIVITY CREATES CERTAIN AMOUNT OF CLUTTER

Proverbs 14:4

SKILLED PEOPLE WILL BE HONOURED

Proverbs 22:29

DO NOT PRESUME UPON TOMORROW IN BUSINESS

James 4:13-15

ATTEND TO YOUR OWN BUSINESS WORKING WITH YOUR HANDS

1 Thessalonians 4:11-12

UNGODLY PEOPLE WILL SOMETIMES PERSECUTE THE GODLY TO PROTECT A WICKED BUSINESS

Acts 19:24-28

THE LORD CAN USE WORK TO HUMBLE US

Psalm 107:11-12

FAIR REMUNERATION REQUIRED FOR GOODS AND SERVICES

1 Kings 5:6
2 Chronicles 2:9-10

- **Example of unfair remuneration**
  1 Kings 9:10-12
- **Retirement**
  Number 8:24-26

THE EXCELLENT WIFE WORKS HARD AND IS A BLESSING TO HER HOUSEHOLD

Proverbs 31:10-28
Titus 2:4-5

- **Empty pursuits result in poverty**
  Proverbs 12:11
  Proverbs 28:19

Poor

COMMANDED NOT TO OPPRESS THE POOR

Exodus 22:21-24
Job 34:28
Proverbs 28:3

WICKED OPPRESS THE POOR

Isaiah 32:6-7

- **Description of people oppressing the poor**
  Proverbs 28:15
  Proverbs 30:14

JUDGEMENT ON THOSE WHO OPPRESS THE POOR

Job 20:10, 15, 18-20, 26, 28
Psalm 37:14-15
Psalm 109:11, 16
Proverbs 22:16
Proverbs 22:22-23
Isaiah 3:14-15
Isaiah 10:1-2
Jeremiah 22:1-5
Ezekiel 22:7, 29
Amos 2:6-7
Amos 4:1-2
Amos 5:9-12
Amos 8:4-6
Zechariah 7:9-12
Malachi 3:5

- **Request for the Lord to judge oppression of the poor**
  Psalm 94:2, 6, 7

EXAMPLE OF OPPRESSING THE POOR

Jeremiah 2:34

- **Religious people oppressing the poor**
  Mark 12:38-40
  Luke 20:46-47

OPPRESSING THE POOR IS COMMON

Ecclesiastes 5:8

DEFEND/HELP THE POOR/HELPLESS

Proverbs 31:8-9
Isaiah 1:17
Jeremiah 21:12

GODLY PEOPLE HELP THE POOR

Proverbs 29:7
Job 30:25

LORD BLESSES THOSE WHO HELP THE POOR

Psalm 41:1-3
Proverbs 19:17

1. **Blesses leader who helped the poor**
   Proverbs 29:14
   Jeremiah 7:5-9
2. **Feed the poor and the Lord will repay**
   Luke 14:12-23

JUDGE THE POOR FAIRLY

Exodus 23:6
Deuteronomy 24:17

SHOW MERCY TO THE POOR

Daniel 4:25-27

THOSE WHO DO NOT DEFEND THE POOR WILL BE JUDGED

Jeremiah 5:27-29

1. **Sin of Sodom, not helping the poor**
   Ezekiel 16:49
2. **Example of leader who did not defend poor**
   Isaiah 1:23

HOW WE TREAT THE POOR REFLECTS UPON THE LORD

Proverbs 14:31
Proverbs 17:5

GOD'S PART WITH THE POOR

LORD PROVIDES FOR/PROTECTS THE POOR AND NEEDY

Deuteronomy 10:18
Job 5:15
Psalm 9:18
Psalm 10:14
Psalm 12:5
Psalm 34:6
Psalm 35:10
Psalm 40:17
Psalm 68:6
Psalm 68:10
Psalm 69:33
Psalm 102:17
Psalm 107:4
Psalm 109:31
Psalm 113:7
Psalm 132:15
Psalm 140:12
Psalm 146:7
Psalm 146:9
Psalm 147:6
Proverbs 15:25
Isaiah 11:4
Isaiah 14:30
Isaiah 25:4
Isaiah 41:17
Jeremiah 20:13

1. **Prayer for Lord to help the poor**
   Psalm 72:4, 10, 12-15
   Psalm 74:21
   Psalm 82:3-4
   Psalm 109:21-22
2. **Humanity's view of God's part and the poor**
   Job 24:2-12, 14

GOD'S PERSPECTIVE OF THE POOR

Revelation 2:9
Revelation 3:17-18

1. **Lord chose weak to shame the strong**
   1 Corinthians 1:26-27
2. **Lord made all people**
   Proverbs 22:2
   Proverbs 29:13
3. **Humanity's perspective of poor**
   Ecclesiastes 6:8

PROBLEMS AND BENEFITS FOR POOR

PROBLEMS FOR THE POOR

1. **Poor have few friends**
   Proverbs 14:20
   Proverbs 19:4
   Proverbs 19:7
2. **Poor suffer injustice**
   Proverbs 13:23

3. **Poor relate to rich meekly**
   Proverbs 18:23
4. **Poor serve rich**
   Proverbs 22:7
5. **Poor are ignored**
   Ecclesiastes 9:14-16
6. **Poverty**
   Proverbs 10:15
7. **Prayer not to be poor**
   Proverbs 30:7-9

BENEFITS FOR POOR

1. **Poor are called blessed**
   Luke 6:20, 24
2. **Poor are rich in faith**
   James 2:5
3. **Gospel is preached to the poor**
   Isaiah 61:1
   Matthew 11:2-5
   Luke 4:18
   Luke 7:22
4. **Poor will not be kidnapped for riches**
   Proverbs 13:8
5. **Poor who know the Lord will be comforted in heaven**
   Luke 16:19-25
6. **Poor can glory as children of God**
   James 1:9-10
7. **uring restoration of Israel, poor will benefit**
   Isaiah 29:19
8. **Poor, but wise, understand the rich**
   Proverbs 28:11
9. **Things poverty better than**
   Proverbs 19:1
   Proverbs 19:22
   Proverbs 28:6

EXAMPLES OF POOR

1 Samuel 18:23
Psalm 70:5
Psalm 86:1
Lamentations 1:11
Luke 2:22-24
1 Corinthians 4:11-12
2 Corinthians 6:4-5, 10
2 Corinthians 11:27
Philippians 4:11-14

POOR/RICH IN CHURCH

1 Corinthians 11:18-22

GIVING TO THE POOR

RETURN OF LAND

Leviticus 25:11-13

LAWS REGARDING POOR BECOMING SLAVES

Leviticus 25:39-54

- **Not obeying laws resulted in judgement**
  Jeremiah 34:13-17

MISCELLANEOUS

THINGS THAT MAKE A PERSON POOR

Proverbs 13:18
Proverbs 20:13
Proverbs 21:17
Proverbs 23:20-21

NO POOR IN LAND IF PEOPLE FULLY OBEYED

Deuteronomy 15:4-5

ONLY POOR LEFT IN DEFEATED LAND

2 Kings 24:14
2 Kings 25:12
Jeremiah 39:10
Jeremiah 40:7
Jeremiah 52:15
Other areas addressing poor: Lending, Partiality, Work

Riches

BIBLICAL PERSPECTIVE OF POSSESSIONS

LORD'S PERSPECTIVE OF RICHES

Revelation 2:9

- **People's perspective of possessions**
  Job 5:5
  Job 15:29
  Job 20:10, 15, 18-20, 26, 28
  Job 21:13, 16
  Job 22:23-25
  Job 27:13, 16-17

Job 36:11
Job 36:19
Ecclesiastes 7:11-12

WE TAKE NOTHING WITH US WHEN WE DIE

Psalm 49:16-20
Ecclesiastes 5:13-15
1 Timothy 6:7
Psalm 39:6

YOU CANNOT BUY REDEMPTION FOR YOUR SOUL

Psalm 49:5-8
Proverbs 11:4
Matthew 16:26
Mark 8:36-37
Luke 9:25

RICHES PRODUCE MANY "FRIENDS"

Proverbs 14:20
Proverbs 19:4

WEALTH IS FLEETING

Proverbs 23:4-5
Hebrews 11:24-26
1 Peter 1:7
1 Peter 1:18

ALL POSSESSIONS ARE NOTHING COMPARED TO KNOWING JESUS

Philippians 3:7-8

RICHES ARE UNCERTAIN

1 Timothy 6:17

- **Riches useless apart from the Lord**
  Ecclesiastes 2:4-11

THINGS MORE VALUABLE THAN RICHES

Job 28:15-19
Psalm 37:16
Psalm 119:14
Psalm 119:72
Psalm 119:127
Proverbs 3:13-16
Proverbs 8:10-11
Proverbs 8:18-21
Proverbs 15:16
Proverbs 16:8
Proverbs 16:16
Proverbs 16:19
Proverbs 19:1
Proverbs 20:15
Proverbs 22:1
Proverbs 28:6

MUCH REQUIRED FROM THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN GIVEN MUCH

Luke 12:48

BLESSINGS OF WEALTH

RIGHTEOUS WILL BE REWARDED WITH PROSPERITY

Proverbs 13:21
Proverbs 15:6

WEALTH FOR PERSON WHO MEDITATES ON WORD OF GOD

Psalm 1:1-3

THE PROSPEROUS WILL WORSHIP THE LORD

Psalm 22:29

PRAYING FOR PROSPERITY

Psalm 106:5
Psalm 122:6-7
Psalm 128:5
3 John 2

- **Rich godly people**
  Genesis 12:5
  Genesis 13:2
  Genesis 15:13-14
  Genesis 24:1
  Genesis 24:16
  Genesis 24:35
  Genesis 26:12-14
  Genesis 30:43
  Genesis 33:11
  Genesis 41:42
  Genesis 45:13
  Genesis 46:6
  Genesis 47:27
  Joshua 22:8
  Ruth 2:1
  2 Samuel 1:24
  1 Kings 10:4, 7
  1 Kings 3:11-13
  1 Chronicles 29:23
  1 Chronicles 29:28
  2 Chronicles 1:11-12
  2 Chronicles 9:22
  2 Chronicles 17:5
  2 Chronicles 17:11-12
  2 Chronicles 18:1
  2 Chronicles 32:27-30
  Nehemiah 9:25
  Job 1:3

Daniel 3:30
Matthew 27:57
1 Corinthians 4:8, 11-12
Philippians 4:11-18

LORD DELIGHTS IN PROSPERITY OF HIS SERVANTS

Psalm 35:27

NOT ALL WILL PROSPER

Hebrews 11:36-40

JESUS IS WORTHY TO RECEIVE RICHES

Revelation 5:12

THE WISE CAN BECOME RICH

Proverbs 14:24

HOW WEALTH IS ACQUIRED

Proverbs 24:3-4

- **Things that keep people from wealth**
  Proverbs 21:17
  Proverbs 22:16

DANGERS OF WEALTH

LOVING WEALTH

Psalm 62:10

PRIDE

Ezekiel 28:4-5
1 Timothy 6:17

1. **Rich should not be proud because life is short**
   James 1:9-11
2. **Boast in Lord not riches**
   Jeremiah 9:23-24

RICHES AFFORD A SENSE OF SECURITY

Proverbs 10:15
Proverbs 18:11
Psalm 30:6-7

- **Those who trust in riches**
  Psalm 49:10-12

WEALTH TENDS TO SEPARATE PEOPLE

Genesis 13:5-11
Genesis 26:12-16
Genesis 36:6-7
Isaiah 5:8

- **Riches can separate Christians**
  1 Corinthians 11:18-22

RICHES ARE DECEITFUL/CAN CHOKE FRUITFULNESS

Proverbs 11:18
Matthew 13:4-5, 7, 22
Mark 4:2-3, 7, 18-19
Luke 8:7, 14

HARD FOR RICH TO ENTER KINGDOM

Matthew 19:16-26
Mark 10:17-27
Luke 18:28-30

- **Rich who do not know Lord will be separated from Him for eternity**
  Luke 16:19-25

RICH THINK THEY ARE WISE

Proverbs 28:11

HOW THE RICH TREAT THE POOR

Proverbs 18:23
Proverbs 22:7
James 2:6-7

WEALTH CAN CONTRIBUTE TO FORGETTING THE LORD

Deuteronomy 6:10-12
Deuteronomy 8:9-18
Deuteronomy 31:20
Proverbs 30:7-9
Jeremiah 22:21-22
Revelation 3:17-18

WEALTH CREATES ENVY

Genesis 26:12-14, 16
Genesis 31:1

CURSES OF WEALTH

CURSE OF KIDNAPPING

Proverbs 13:8

CURSE OF LACK OF SLEEP

Ecclesiastes 5:12

WOES PRONOUNCED UPON THE RICH

Luke 6:24
James 5:1-5

WHY DO THE WICKED PROSPER?

Psalm 10:3-5
Psalm 37:1-2, 7, 9-11
Psalm 73:1-20
Proverbs 11:16
Jeremiah 12:1-2

UNGODLY RICH

1 Samuel 25:2
Esther 1:4
Esther 5:11

Isaiah 2:7
Ezekiel 27:33
Daniel 11:2
Luke 19:2

COMMANDED NOT TO SEEK PROSPERITY OF PARTICULAR PEOPLE

Deuteronomy 23:6
Ezra 9:12

WRONG WAY TO PROSPER

SOME PROSPER BY SINNING WITHOUT ACKNOWLEDGING SIN

Hosea 12:8
Zechariah 11:5

SOME ACT RELIGIOUS TO PROSPER

Judges 17:13

MISCELLANEOUS

Proverbs 2:4
Ecclesiastes 10:20

PEOPLE SOMETIMES DECEIVE AS TO THEIR FINANCIAL STATUS

Proverbs 13:7

MONEY USED TO ILLUSTRATE THE VALUE OF THE KINGDOM OF GOD

Matthew 13:44-46

RIGHTEOUS LIVING EQUATED WITH SILVER

Proverbs 10:20

JUDGEMENT ON WEALTHY, UNGODLY NATIONS

Isaiah 15:7
Jeremiah 51:13
Ezekiel 27:3, 12-27
Hosea 10:1-2
Zephaniah 1:11, 13, 18
Zechariah 9:3-4

THE KING WAS NOT TO BECOME TOO RICH

Deuteronomy 17:16-17

- **Kings disobeyed command not to become too rich**
  1 Kings 4:26
  1 Kings 10:14-28
  2 Chronicles 1:14-17
  2 Chronicles 9:8-27

PROPHECY

Psalm 45:12
Isaiah 39:2, 4-6
Isaiah 60:5-6, 9, 11
Isaiah 61:6-7
Haggai 2:7
Zechariah 1:17
Zechariah 7:7
Revelation 6:15-16
Revelation 13:16-17
Revelation 17:4
Revelation 18:3
Revelation 18:11-19

PROSPECTS OF WEALTH USED AS MOTIVATION

Genesis 34:10-12
Genesis 34:21, 23
1 Samuel 17:25

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Save.
Invest.
Spend.

Saving and investing | Budgeting | Evil uses of money | Greed | Idolatry | Partiality | Taxes/Tribute

Saving and investing

IS SAVING/INVESTING SCRIPTURALLY LEGITIMATE?

VERSES THAT SEEM TO LEGISLATE AGAINST SAVING

Matthew 6:19-21
Matthew 6:24-33
Matthew 19:16-21
Mark 6:8
Luke 5:11
Luke 12:22-34
Luke 18:18-30

- **We can save and invest only if we also give**
  Luke 12:13-21

PARABLE USING SAVING AND INVESTING

Matthew 25:14-28
Luke 19:12-24

INVESTMENT GOALS

ACCEPTABLE INVESTMENT GOALS

1. **Providing for your family**
   1 Timothy 5:8
2. **Leaving an inheritance**

- **It is proper to leave an inheritance**
  Proverbs 13:22
  Proverbs 19:14
  Isaiah 38:1
  2 Corinthians 12:14
- **Old Testament laws of inheritance**
  Leviticus 25:46
  Numbers 27:8-11
  Numbers 36:2-9
  Deuteronomy 18:8
  Deuteronomy 21:15-17
  Ezekiel 46:16-18
- **The Lord and the tithe were the Levites' inheritance**
  Numbers 18:20-24
  Ezekiel 44:28-30
- **Examples of leaving an inheritance**
  Genesis 15:2-4
  Genesis 24:35-36
  Genesis 25:5
  Genesis 31:14-16
  Genesis 48:21-22
  Joshua 24:32
  Ruth 4:5-10
  2 Chronicles 21:3
  Ecclesiastes 5:13-14
  Ecclesiastes 7:11
- **A blessing of godly obedience was the ability to leave and receive an inheritance**
  1 Chronicles 28:8
  Ezra 9:12
  Psalm 25:12-13
  Proverbs 17:2
- **Parable using inheritance as an illustration**
  Luke 15:11-31
- **Jesus responds to inheritance question**
  Luke 12:13-15
- **Inheritance given too soon will not be a blessing**
  Proverbs 20:21
- **It was practice to appoint a guardian until heir was old enough to manage the estate**
  Galatians 4:1-2
- **It is vain to work hard to leave inheritance to the unwise or having no heirs**
  Ecclesiastes 2:18-21
  Ecclesiastes 4:8

UNACCEPTABLE INVESTMENT GOALS

1. **The desire to become rich**
   1 Timothy 6:9

- **When we desire to become rich we are loving money**
  1 Timothy 6:10

- **Flee the temptation to become rich**
  1 Timothy 6:11
  Worship only the Lord
  Matthew 4:8-10
  Luke 4:5-8

SAVING

Proverbs 21:20
Proverbs 30:24-25

EXAMPLE OF SAVING FOR A FUTURE NEED

Genesis 41:34-36

GOD'S FRAMEWORK FOR SUCCESSFUL INVESTING

KNOW WHERE THE LORD WANTS YOU TO INVEST

Isaiah 48:17
Diversify
Ecclesiastes 11:2

1. **Business/vocation before acquiring home**
   Proverbs 24:27

- **Those who owned homes**
  Matthew 8:14
  Mark 1:29
  Luke 4:38

- **Those who did not own a home**
  Matthew 8:20
  Acts 28:30

AVOID RISKY INVESTMENTS

Ecclesiastes 5:13-14,16

BE A STEADY PLODDER

Proverbs 21:5

- **Do not be hasty**
  Proverbs 21:5
  Proverbs 28:20
  Proverbs 28:22

TIMING IMPORTANT

Ecclesiastes 3:1

SEEK COUNSEL

(See Counsel section)

KNOW FINANCIAL CONDITION TO PROVIDE FOR NEEDS AND ACCOMPLISH OBJECTIVES

Proverbs 27:23-27
Luke 14:28-29

PLANNING AND ORDER ENCOURAGED

Proverbs 20:18
Proverbs 21:5
Proverbs 24:3-4
1 Corinthians 14:40
1 Corinthians 14:33

INSTRUCTIONS TO SUCCESSFUL INVESTORS

DO NOT BE PROUD

Jeremiah 9:23-24
1 Timothy 6:17
James 1:9-11

DO NOT TRUST IN RICHES

Jeremiah 48:7
Jeremiah 49:4-5
1 Timothy 6:17

GIVE GENEROUSLY

1 Timothy 6:18

DO NOT BECOME INACCESSIBLE

Isaiah 5:8

GENERAL INVESTING PRINCIPLES

PAY A FAIR PRICE FOR AN INVESTMENT

Leviticus 25:14-17

- **Some deceive to avoid paying fair price**
  Proverbs 20:14

ACCEPTABLE FOR A WIFE TO INVEST

Proverbs 31:10, 16, 24

LENDING

OLD TESTAMENT BELIEVER WAS TO LEND TO NEEDY BELIEVERS

Deuteronomy 15:7-9

1. **The lender was blessed**
   Psalm 112:5

2. **New Testament extended obligation to those who asked for loan**
   Matthew 5:42

NO INTEREST WAS TO BE CHARGED

Exodus 22:25
Leviticus 25:35-37
Deuteronomy 23:19

1. **Example of violating this law**
   Nehemiah 5:3-12
2. **Blessed if interest not charged**
   Deuteronomy 23:20
   Psalm 15:1, 5
   Ezekiel 18:7-17
3. **Cursed if interest charged**
   Proverbs 28:8
   Ezekiel 18:10, 13
   Ezekiel 22:12-13
   Habakkuk 2:6-7
4. **Permissible to charge a foreigner interest**
   Deuteronomy 23:20

A NECESSITY WAS NOT TO BE TAKEN TO SECURE A LOAN

Exodus 22:26-27
Deuteronomy 24:6, 10-13
Deuteronomy 24:17

1. **Accusation of violating this law**
   Job 22:5-6
2. **Blessed if no such pledge taken**
   Ezekiel 18:7, 9, 16-17
   Ezekiel 33:15
3. **Cursed if such a pledge taken**
   Ezekiel 18:10, 12-13
   Amos 2:6, 8
   Wicked take such pledges
   Job 24:3, 9

LOAN REPAYMENT WAS NOT REQUIRED

1. **Debts forgiven every seven years**
   (See Debt section)
2. **In New Testament, lend even to enemies expecting no return**
   Luke 6:34-35

Budgeting

KNOW YOUR FINANCIAL CONDITION

TO BE ABLE TO PROVIDE FOR NEEDS

Proverbs 27:23-27

TO BE ABLE TO SUCCESSFULLY ACCOMPLISH OBJECTIVES

Luke 14:28-29

OUR LIVES SHOULD EXHIBIT ORDER

1 Corinthians 14:40

- **Lord is not a God of confusion**
  1 Corinthians 14:33

PLANNING ENCOURAGED

Proverbs 20:18
Proverbs 21:5
Proverbs 24:3-4

Evil uses of money

BETRAYAL OF JESUS

Matthew 26:14-15
Matthew 27:3-10
Mark 14:10-11
Luke 22:3-5
Acts 1:18

BROTHERS SOLD INTO SLAVERY

Genesis 37:28

MONEY PAID FOR DIVINATION

Numbers 22:7
Numbers 22:18
Numbers 24:13

MONEY OFFERED FOR ATTEMPTED MURDER OF JEWISH RACE

Esther 3:9-11
Esther 4:7

MONEY PAID TO HARM SAMSON

Judges 16:4-5
Judges 16:18

MONEY PAID FOR MURDER

Judges 9:4

Greed

COMMANDED NOT TO BE GREEDY

Ephesians 5:3, 5

GREED IS IDOLATRY

Colossians 3:5

GUARD AGAINST EVERY FORM OF GREED

Luke 12:15

- **Exercise self-control if you tend to be greedy**
  Proverbs 23:1-3

WHEN CHRIST BECOMES OUR DESIRE, GREED NOT A PROBLEM

Psalm 73:25

EXAMPLE OF GODLY PERSON WHO WAS NOT GREEDY

1 Thessalonians 2:5

THE LORD PUNISHES GREED

AS AN EXAMPLE TO HIS CHILDREN

1 Corinthians 10:6

- **What the greedy desired**
  Numbers 11:4-5

EXAMPLE OF GREEDY PEOPLE

1 Samuel 14:32

1. **Greedy leaders**
   Isaiah 56:11
2. **Greedy people are wicked**
   Romans 1:28-29
   Psalm 10:3-4
3. **Greed will capture the greedy**
   Proverbs 11:6
4. **False prophets will exploit the body of Christ out of greed**
   2 Peter 2:1-3
   2 Peter 2:14-15
5. **There are those who will never be satisfied**
   Proverbs 30:15
6. **Religious people can be greedy**
   Ezekiel 33:31

EXAMPLE OF LORD PUNISHING GREEDY PEOPLE

Numbers 11:34
2 Kings 5:20-27
Jeremiah 6:12-13
Jeremiah 8:10

Idolatry

COMMANDED NOT TO BE AN IDOL WORSHIPPER

Exodus 20:23

IDOLS ARE THE WORK OF PEOPLE'S HANDS

Psalm 115:4
Psalm 135:15

- **God provides everything, even material used for idols**
  Hosea 1:8, 13

GREED EQUATED WITH IDOLATRY

Colossians 3:5

GOD JUDGES THOSE WHO WORSHIP IDOLS

Ezekiel 23:29-30
Micah 1:7

- **Example of God's people destroying idols, then Lord blessing**
  Isaiah 30:22-23

EXAMPLE OF IDOLATRY CLOAKED IN RELIGION

Judges 17:2-4

Partiality

LORD IS NOT PARTIAL

Deuteronomy 10:17
2 Chronicles 19:7
Job 34:19
Ephesians 6:9

WE ARE NOT TO BE PARTIAL

Proverbs 28:21

IT IS SIN TO BE PARTIAL

James 2:8-9

DO NOT BE PARTIAL TO THE RICH

James 2:1-9

DO NOT BE PARTIAL TO THE POOR

Exodus 23:3
Leviticus 19:15

LEADERS/JUDGES ARE NOT TO BE PARTIAL

Deuteronomy 1:17
Deuteronomy 16:18-19
2 Chronicles 19:6-7

CURSED IF PARTIAL

Malachi 2:9

CORRECT ATTITUDES

- **Be of the same mind towards one another**
  Romans 12:16

CONSIDER OTHERS MORE IMPORTANT THAN YOURSELF

Philippians 2:3

Taxes/Tribute

COMMANDED TO PAY TAXES

Romans 13:5-7

JESUS APPROVED OF PAYING TAXES

Matthew 22:17-21
Mark 12:14-17
Luke 20:22-25

EXAMPLES OF TAXES PAID

2 Kings 3:4
2 Kings 15:20
2 Kings 23:33, 35
Ezra 6:8

SPECIAL REWARD – TAXES NOT REQUIRED TO BE PAID

1 Samuel 17:25

NO TAXES/TRIBUTE REQUIRED OF LEVITES

Ezra 7:24

JESUS PAID TEMPLE TAX TO AVOID OFFENCE

Matthew 17:24-27

EXAMPLES OF TRIBUTE PAID

1 Kings 4:21
2 Kings 17:1-3
2 Chronicles 17:5
2 Chronicles 17:12
2 Chronicles 27:5
2 Chronicles 36:3
Ezra 4:20

THREAT OF TRIBUTE NOT PAID

Ezra 4:13

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Other references to money

Miscellaneous | Children

Miscellaneous

OTHER REFERENCES TO MONEY

BUSINESS

1 Kings 10:29
Proverbs 20:14
James 4:13-15

FINANCIAL CONSEQUENCES OF ADULTERY

Proverbs 5:10
Proverbs 6:35
Proverbs 29:3

HUMAN HEART

Proverbs 23:6-8
Ezekiel 33:31
James 3:14-16
James 4:2-3
2 Peter 2:3

OLD TESTAMENT LAW CONCERNING MARRIAGE

Deuteronomy 21:14

SOME HAVE NO CONCERN WITH MONEY

Isaiah 13:17
2 Samuel 21:4

MISCELLANEOUS

Ruth 3:10
Proverbs 11:26
Proverbs 12:9
Proverbs 23:23
Isaiah 53:9
Matthew 13:52
Mark 5:25-26
Acts 22:28

DO NOT FINE THE RIGHTEOUS

Proverbs 17:26

LORD'S JUDGEMENT

Isaiah 7:23
Isaiah 23:18

THE MESSIAH WILL PROSPER

Isaiah 52:13
Isaiah 53:10

A RELATIONSHIP WITH THE LORD CANNOT BE BOUGHT

Isaiah 55:1-2

UNFAITHFULNESS EQUATED WITH HARLOTRY

Ezekiel 16:33-34

LAWS CONCERNING THE PRIESTS AND THE LAND

Ezekiel 48:14

LORD VALUED LITTLE BY UNGODLY

Zechariah 11:12-13

MORE GIVEN TO ONE WHO HAS; ALL TAKEN FROM ONE WHO HAS NOT

Mark 4:24-25

MONEY USED TO ILLUSTRATE ANGELIC JOY OF SALVATION

Luke 15:8-10

VIEW OF OWNERSHIP IN THE EARLY CHURCH

Acts 2:44-45
Acts 4:32-37

PEOPLE COMING TO KNOW LORD GIVE UP COSTLY EVIL THINGS

Acts 19:18-19

VINDICATION

Genesis 20:16

SPOILS, PLUNDER

Genesis 34:27-29
1 Samuel 17:53
1 Kings 20:1-6, 8
2 Kings 14:12, 14
2 Chronicles 20:25
Ezra 9:7
Esther 8:11
Esther 9:5, 10
Isaiah 10:5-6
Isaiah 10:12-14
Ezekiel 26:12
Ezekiel 30:4
Hosea 13:15
Amos 3:11
Obadiah 1:13
Obadiah 1:6, 11
Micah 4:13
Nahum 2:9-10
Nahum 3:1
Habakkuk 2:6-8

Zephaniah 1:11, 13, 18
Zephaniah 2:9

LIFESTYLE

2 Corinthians 8:13-15
1 Timothy 2:9

RESTITUTION

Exodus 21:18-19
Exodus 21:22
Exodus 21:28-30
Exodus 21:32-36

LEADERS

1 Samuel 8:10-11, 14-17
Ezekiel 45:7-8

PROPHECY

Jeremiah 32:6-7, 9, 14-15
Jeremiah 32:25
Ezekiel 7:11-13, 19
Ezekiel 38:10-13
Daniel 11:24
Daniel 11:38
Daniel 11:43
Zechariah 14:1-2
Zechariah 14:14
Luke 17:28
2 Timothy 3:1-2
Revelation 6:6
Revelation 6:15-16
Revelation 9:20-21
Revelation 13:16-17
Revelation 17:4
Revelation 18:3
Revelation 18:11-19

DISHONEST PEOPLE IN CHURCH/RELIGIOUS SETTINGS

Jeremiah 7:5-9, 11
Micah 3:11
Matthew 21:12-13
Mark 11:15-17
Luke 19:45-46
John 2:14-16
2 Corinthians 12:14
1 Timothy 3:2-3
1 Timothy 3:8
1 Timothy 6:5-6
Titus 1:10-11
1 Peter 5:1-2

PERSPECTIVE

1. **One who loves money will never get enough**
   Ecclesiastes 5:10-11

2. **Miscellaneous verses**
   Song of Solomon 8:7
   Isaiah 24:2
   Isaiah 52:3
   Lamentations 4:1-2
   Matthew 22:5
   Luke 12:13-15
   Luke 16:1-14
   Acts 8:18-24
   1 Corinthians 10:33
   2 Corinthians 6:4, 10
   Colossians 3:1-5
   1 Timothy 4:4
   Hebrews 10:34
   Hebrews 11:24-26
   1 John 2:15-17

3. **Good in spite of money offered for evil**
   2 Samuel 18:11-12

4. **Mercenary**
   1 Kings 15:16-20
   2 Kings 16:5, 8-9
   2 Chronicles 16:2-4

5. **Litigation**
   Isaiah 59:2, 4
   Matthew 5:25-26
   Matthew 5:40
   Luke 6:29-30
   Luke 12:58-59
   1 Corinthians 6:1-8

6. **The wicked oppose the work of God when it costs them money**
   Acts 16:16-19
   Acts 19:24-27

Children

PARENTS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR TEACHING THEIR CHILDREN GODLY PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICES OF LIFE

Deuteronomy 4:9
Deuteronomy 6:6-7
Deuteronomy 11:18-19
Proverbs 22:6