

MONEY AND THE BIBLE

SCRIPTURAL REFERENCE
Ecclesiastes 10:19

ADDITIONAL STUDY
Luke 12:15-21

TO DO

Look up other passages in the bible that talks about money, then ask for wisdom in your application of money

A feast is made for laughter, and wine makes merry; but MONEY ANSWERS EVERYTHING. - Ecclesiastes 10:19 (emphasis mine)

The subject of money, although very essential to living on earth, is very sensitive in Christendom. It has had its fair share of abuses by many on the pulpit and in the pew. Many preachers in their bid to avoid unnecessary controversies avoid talking about it altogether. However, this approach only keeps their flock ignorant, or at most make them misinterpret the principles of money. We live in times of financial uncertainty and instability; therefore, we need 'divine' wisdom to manage our money & live above board in these times.

Many sound financial principles people apply in the world today have their roots in the bible; the bible is a good manual for managing your money. So, this week is dedicated to an in-depth study of what the bible says about money. The aim is to make you a better manager of your resources. I will like you to hang in, as we go on this exciting journey. To proceed let's find out what the bible says about money (you can further study the verses later):

[1] It comes from laborious work – Proverbs 14:23. **[2]** It should be gathered little by little – Proverbs 13:11 (Amplified). **[3]** It is mostly a product of obedience to God – Deuteronomy 28. **[4]** Generosity can and does increase it – Proverbs 11:24. **[5]** Money is uncertain, unreliable and can vanish – I Timothy 6:17 & Proverbs 23:5. **[6]** It can be a burden...giving its possessor sleepless nights – Ecclesiastes 5:12. **[7]** There is no guarantee that it can be passed on to the next generation, no matter how much is hoarded now. One misfortune can wipe it all away – Ecclesiastes 5:13-14. **[8]** It is God that gives a man the gift of enjoying his wealth and riches – Ecclesiastes 5:19. **[9]** Money is deceitful – giving a false sense of importance and security – Mark 4:19. **[10]** Money should bless humanity and serve God's purpose – I Timothy 6:17-19 & Deuteronomy 8:18.

With money, it does not matter how much you have or don't have, what makes you a master over it is your stewardship; how you relate with it, how you use it and what you use it for.

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