

The Bible on Money By Lee Delbridge

God Owns It All –Including You

Psalm 24:1 (NASB)

The earth is the Lord's, and all it contains, the world, and those who dwell in it.

Put God First In Your Life

Matthew 6:33

But seek first God's Kingdom, and his righteousness; and all these things will be given to you as well.

Therefore, You Should Give At Least 10% of Your Income to God's Work

Lev 27:30

All the tithes of the land, whether of the seed of the land or of the fruit of the trees, is Yahweh's. It is holy to Yahweh.

Malachi 3:8-10

⁸Will a man rob God? Yet you rob me! But you say, 'How have we robbed you?' In tithes and offerings. ⁹You are cursed with the curse; for you rob me, even this whole nation. ¹⁰Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house, and test me now in this," says Yahweh of Armies, "if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough for.

I Corinthians 16:1-2

¹Now concerning the collection for the saints, as I commanded the assemblies of Galatia, you do likewise. ²On the first day of the week, let each one of you save, as he may prosper, that no collections be made when I come.

Jesus Notices the "Percentage" of Your Gift More Than the "Amount" of Your Gift

Mark 12:41-44

⁴¹Jesus sat down opposite the treasury, and saw how the multitude cast money into the treasury. Many who were rich cast in much. ⁴²A poor widow came, and she cast in two small brass coins, which equal a quadrans coin. ⁴³He called his disciples to himself, and said to them, "Most certainly I tell you, this poor widow gave more than all those who are giving into the treasury, ⁴⁴for they all gave out of their abundance, but she, out of her poverty, gave all that she had to live on."

God Calls a Man a Fool If He Saves For This Life but Is Not Rich Toward God

Luke 12:15-21

¹⁵He said to them, 'Beware! Keep yourselves from covetousness, for a man's life doesn't consist of the abundance of the things which he possesses.' ¹⁶He spoke a parable to them, saying, 'The ground of a certain rich man brought forth abundantly. ¹⁷He reasoned within himself, saying, 'What will I do, because I don't have room to store my crops?' ¹⁸He said, 'This is what I will do. I will pull down my barns, and build bigger ones, and there I will

store all my grain and my goods. ¹⁹I will tell my soul, ‘Soul, you have many goods laid up for many years. Take your ease, eat, drink, be merry.’”²⁰ ‘But God said to him, ‘You foolish one, tonight your soul is required of you. The things which you have prepared—whose will they be?’²¹ So is he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God.”

God Intends For Us to Work for a Living

Genesis 2:15

Yahweh God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it.

I Thessalonians 4:11-12

¹¹and that you make it your ambition to lead a quiet life, and to do your own business, and to work with your own hands, even as we instructed you; ¹²that you may walk properly toward those who are outside, and may have need of nothing.

Ephesians 4:28

Let him who stole steal no more; but rather let him labor, working with his hands the thing that is good, that he may have something to give to him who has need.

II Thessalonians 3:10

For even when we were with you, we commanded you this: ‘If anyone will not work, neither let him eat.’”

You Should Pay the Taxes You Owe

Romans 13:6-7

⁶For this reason you also pay taxes, for they are servants of God’s service, attending continually on this very thing. ⁷Give therefore to everyone what you owe: taxes to whom taxes are due; customs to whom customs; respect to whom respect; honor to whom honor.

You Should Save For the Future

Proverbs 6:6-8

⁶Go to the ant, you sluggard. Consider her ways, and be wise; ⁷which having no chief, overseer, or ruler, ⁸provides her bread in the summer, and gathers her food in the harvest.

Proverbs 13:11

Wealth gained dishonestly dwindles away, but he who gathers by hand makes it grow.

You Should Make Earthly Investment in Seven or Eight Different “Areas”

Ecclesiastes 11:1-2

¹Cast your bread on the waters; for you shall find it after many days. ²Give a portion to seven, yes, even to eight; for you don’t know what evil will be on the earth.

Don’t Trust In Earthly Riches

I Timothy 6:17-19

¹⁷Charge those who are rich in this present world that they not be haughty, nor have their hope set on the uncertainty of riches, but on the living God, who richly provides us with

everything to enjoy; ¹⁸that they do good, that they be rich in good works, that they be ready to distribute, willing to communicate; ¹⁹laying up in store for themselves a good foundation against the time to come, that they may lay hold of eternal life.

You Should “Lay Up” Eternal Treasure in Heaven

Matthew 6:19-21

¹⁹‘Don’t lay up treasures for yourselves on the earth, where moth and rust consume, and where thieves break through and steal; ²⁰but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consume, and where thieves don’t break through and steal; ²¹for where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

You Should Use Your Money to “Make Friends” With God

Luke 16:9

I tell you, make for yourselves friends by means of unrighteous mammon, so that when you fail, they may receive you into the eternal tents.

Keep God in Your Finances

Psalms 127:1-2

¹Unless Yahweh builds the house, they labor in vain who build it. Unless Yahweh watches over the city, the watchman guards it in vain. ²It is vain for you to rise up early, to stay up late, eating the bread of toil; for he gives sleep to his loved ones.

Philippians 4:19

¹⁹My God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus.

Pray God Will Give You Neither Poverty Nor Riches

Proverbs 30:7-9 ⁷‘Two things I have asked of you; don’t deny me before I die: ⁸Remove far from me falsehood and lies. Give me neither poverty nor riches. Feed me with the food that is needful for me; ⁹lest I be full, deny you, and say, ‘Who is Yahweh?’ or lest I be poor, and steal, and so dishonor the name of my God.

Be Content with the Necessities of Life

I Timothy 6:6-8

⁶But godliness with contentment is great gain. ⁷For we brought nothing into the world, and we certainly can’t carry anything out. ⁸But having food and clothing, we will be content with that.

Be Careful With Debt

Romans 13:8

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for he who loves his neighbor has fulfilled the law.

Proverbs 22:7

The rich rule over the poor. The borrower is servant to the lender.

If You Obey God, He Will Bless You and You Will Be A Lender Not A Borrower

Deuteronomy 28:2, 12

And all these blessings shall come on you, and overtake you, if you shall listen to the voice of Yahweh your God... Yahweh will open to you his good treasure in the sky, to give the rain of your land in its season, and to bless all the work of your hand: and you shall lend to many nations, and you shall not borrow.

You Can't Take Your Money with You When You Die (Everybody Dies Broke)

I Timothy 6:7

For we brought nothing into the world, and we certainly can't carry anything out.

Job 1:21-22

²¹He said, 'Naked I came out of my mother's womb, and naked shall I return there. Yahweh gave, and Yahweh has taken away. Blessed be the name of Yahweh.'²²In all this, Job did not sin, nor charge God with wrongdoing.

Don't Love Money

Hebrews 13:5

Be free from the love of money, content with such things as you have, for he has said, 'I will in no way leave you, neither will I in any way forsake you.'

I Timothy 6:10

For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some have been led astray from the faith in their greed, and have pierced themselves through with many sorrows.

Don't Worship Money

Matthew 6:24

No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other; or else he will be devoted to one and despise the other. You can't serve both God and Mammon.

Be a Cheerful Giver

Acts 20:35

In all things I gave you an example, that so laboring you ought to help the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that he himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'

II Corinthians 9:7

Let each man give according as he has determined in his heart; not grudgingly, or under compulsion; for God loves a cheerful giver.

* * * * *

Unless otherwise noted, Scriptures are from the World English Bible (WEB). The World English Bible is a modern revision of the American Standard Version of the Holy Bible, first published in 1901. It is in the public domain. You may find out more about this translation of the Bible at their website: www.eBible.org