

“The Heart: Why God Cares About Money”

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Did you know...?

- There are 2,350 verses in the Bible that deal with money or possessions.
- Approximately 25% of Jesus' teachings in the 4 gospels have to do with money or possessions.
- Jesus taught more on money than he did on heaven and hell combined, more than prayer and more than faith.

Faith Works finances is about seeing money from God's perspective, with a greater clarity that only faith in God can bring.

The Faith Works Finance Quiz

1. In the last 12 months has my debt increased?
2. In the last 12 months has my savings increased?
3. In the last 12 months has my investing increased?
4. In the last 12 months have I given more?

3 Reasons God cares about money.

"Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." Matt 6:19-21

1. Everyone stores up some kind of treasure.

- Your heart will be tied to the type of treasure you pursue.
- The type of treasure you store up will reveal the kind of heart that you have.

2. Not all treasure is of the same quality.

"I tell you, use worldly wealth to gain friends for yourselves, so that when it is gone, you will be welcomed into eternal dwellings. "Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much. So if you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches? And if you have not been trustworthy with someone else's property, who will give you property of your own?" Luke 16:9-12

Every person has two accounts:

- Earthly account – temporary, limited supply of perishable riches: not your own
- Heavenly account – eternal, infinite supply of true riches: property of your own

3. The treasure you pursue will control you.

“But godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that. People who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge men into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.” 1Tim 6:6-10

God doesn't mind that you have money as long as money doesn't have you!

If today's message was helpful to you, check out these resources!

“Master Your Money” Ron Blue

“Your Money Counts” Howard Dayton

“33 Laws of Stewardship” Dave Sutherland/Kirk Nowery

“The Key To Everything” Jack Hayford

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To Him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by His blood, and has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve His God and Father—to Him be glory and power for ever and ever! Amen. Revelation 1:5-6