

Money Answers Everything (Eccl 10:19)

Money is a Tool (amoral): Correct Use & **Attitude**

Important: current fears, end times (Ezek 28:16, Babylon Rev 18, Rev 13:17)

Two Dangers: not enough money & too much money (amount depends - heart/attitude)

(Pr 30:8-9) Remove falsehood and lies far from me; give me neither poverty nor riches - feed me with the food allotted to me; lest I be full and deny You, and say, "Who is the LORD?" Or lest I be poor and steal, and profane the name of my God.

Two Lies against God regarding money

1. We must provide for ourselves. - Compromise, Idolatry (things before God)

(1Ti 6:9-10) ⁹But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and harmful lusts which drown men in destruction and perdition. ¹⁰For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, for which some have strayed from the faith in their greediness, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows. (Prov 10:22)

story: loan - tool to serve us, cannot be allowed to rule us

2. We have provided for ourselves. - Pride, Independence

(Dt 8:11-14, 17-18) ¹¹Beware that you do not forget the LORD your God by not keeping His commandments, His judgments, and His statutes which I command you today, ¹²lest when you have eaten and are full, and have built beautiful houses and dwell in them; ¹³and when your herds and your flocks multiply, and your silver and your gold are multiplied, and all that you have is multiplied; ¹⁴when your heart is lifted up, and you forget the LORD your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage; ... ¹⁷then you say in your heart, 'My power and the might of my hand have gained me this wealth.' ¹⁸And you shall remember the LORD your God, for it is He who gives you power to get wealth, that He may establish His covenant which He swore to your fathers, as it is this day.

Job addresses both - same iniquity: denying God

(Job 31:24-25, 28) ²⁴If I have made gold my hope, or said to fine gold, 'You are my confidence'; ²⁵If I have rejoiced because my wealth was great, and because my hand had gained much; ... ²⁸This also would be an iniquity deserving of judgment, for I would have denied God who is above.

Correct Attitude: God is our Provider!

Contentment: Needs vs Wants - **Thankfulness**

(1Ti 6:6-8) ⁶Now godliness with contentment is great gain. ⁷For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. ⁸And having food and clothing, with these we shall be content.

Priorities: Three Choices

1. Heaven vs Earth: Heart (love) - Resources (intentional investment)

(Mt 6:19-21) ¹⁹Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; ²⁰but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. ²¹For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

2. Walking by Faith vs Security: love (1 Tim 6:10), value

(Mt 6:24) No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon.

3. Pursue Righteousness vs Comfort: Worry - future

(Mt 6:25, 33-34) Therefore I say to you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink; nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing? - But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about its own things. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.

Partnership: Faith & Works (prayer & action)

God is **Generous**

(1Ti 6:17) Command those who are rich in this present age not to be haughty, nor to trust in uncertain riches but in the living God, who gives us richly all things to enjoy.

story: shoes - enjoyment

but there are also **Principles** in play for accessing His generosity

1. Work Ethic: Attitude

A. Value Work

(Pr 6:6-11) Go to the ant, you sluggard! Consider her ways and be wise, which, having no captain, overseer or ruler, provides her supplies in the summer, and gathers her food in the harvest. How long will you slumber, O sluggard? When will you rise from your sleep? A little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to sleep, so shall your poverty come on you like a prowler, and your need like an armed man.

(2Th 3:10-12) For even when we were with you, we commanded you this: If anyone will not work, neither shall he eat. For we hear that there are some who walk among you in a disorderly manner, not working at all, but are busybodies. Now those who are such we command and exhort through our Lord Jesus Christ that they work in quietness and eat their own bread.

B. Value your Employer

(Col 3:22-23) Bondservants, obey in all things your masters according to the flesh, not with eyeservice, as men-pleasers, but in sincerity of heart, fearing God. And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men, (vs 24 - reward from God)