

**Title:** Glorifying God with our Moola  
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## Introduction

### Glorify God in everything

#### 1 Cor. 10:31

<sup>31</sup> So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God.

#### Psalm 112:1-3

<sup>1</sup> Blessed is the man who fears the LORD, who delights greatly in His commandments.

<sup>2</sup> His descendants will be mighty on earth; the generation of the upright will be blessed.

<sup>3</sup> Wealth and riches will be in his house, and his righteousness endures forever.

### Stewardship – Glorify God

“Def. Managing your resources to Glorify God” - (Holy Spirit)

How do I glorify God through my finances?

### Glorifying God

1. Glorify - Financial order (“Biblical Hierarchy”)
2. Glorify - in how we earn it
3. Glorify - in how we depend on it
4. Glorify - in how we spend it

### The Bible about money

- Bible says more about MONEY than it does :
  - Water baptism
  - The Lord's supper
  - The Rapture
- "money," is found in 133 verses of scripture.
- "Riches" = 90 verses
- "rich" = 186 verses
- "Wealth" = 43 verses.
- "Gold" = 427 verses, "silver" in 284 verses.
- "treasure" = 35 verses, "treasures" = 55 verses, "spoil" in 106 verses, "wages" in 17 verses.
- 16/38 Parables – finances/stewardship
- NT more verses on money/heaven & hell combined.
- 5 X more finance verses > prayer.
- 500+ verses Prayer & Faith / 2000+ Money & possessions, wealth etc.

John MacArthur, Jr.

## Biblical Hierarchy of Financial Management

1. Relationship/heart
2. Budget
3. Save
4. Invest

### 1) Heart - Money serves us

#### **Matt 6:24**

<sup>24</sup>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.

- We serve God & Money serves us
- “Money is a good servant, but a poor master.”
- 2 ways servant – 1) budgeting; and  
2) giving.
- “Richest man in Babylon” - George Clason

#### **Is money bad?**

Money is not problem, but love of money

#### **1 Tim. 6:10**

<sup>10</sup>For 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.

### 2) Budget - Practical yet spiritual

#### **Matt 6:20-22 & Mark 12:41**

"Show me your budget and I can show you your heart."

### 3) Saving - High level principles

- Budget to save money
- Start small =1% is better than 0%. 2% is better than 1%.
- Monthly: 10-25% of budget
- Capital: Work towards 3 months – min 1 month.
- Cash empowers – opportunities

### 4) Investing - investment goals

#### **a. Acceptable investment goals**

- i) Leaving an inheritance
- ii) Providing for your family
- iii) Glorifying God

#### **b. Unacceptable investment goals**

- i) The desire to become rich/ungodly

## **Providing for your family**

### **1 Tim 5:8**

<sup>8</sup>But if anyone does not provide for his own, and especially for those of his household, he has denied the faith, and is worse than an unbeliever.

## **Leaving an Inheritance**

### **Proverbs 13:22**

<sup>22</sup>A good man leaves an inheritance to his children's children.

### **Proverbs 19:14**

<sup>14</sup>A House and wealth are an inheritance from fathers.

### **1 Timothy 6:9**

<sup>9</sup>But those who want to get rich fall into temptation and a snare and many foolish and harmful desires which plunge men into ruin and destruction.

## **When we desire to become rich we are loving money**

### **1 Timothy 6:10**

<sup>10</sup>For the love of money is a root of all sorts of evil, and some by longing for it have wandered away from the faith, and pierced themselves with many a pang.

## **Flee the temptation to desire to become rich**

### **1 Timothy 6:11**

<sup>11</sup>Flee from these things [the desire to get rich], you man of God; and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, perseverance and gentleness.

## **Biblical guidance**

### **1. Know Where the Lord Wants You to Invest**

#### **Isaiah 48:17**

<sup>17</sup>I am the Lord your God, who teaches you to profit, who leads you in the way you should go.

### **2. Diversify**

#### **(Ecclesiastes 11:2)**

<sup>12</sup>Divide your portion to seven, or even to eight, for you do not know what misfortune may occur on the earth.

### **3. Avoid Risky Investments**

#### **Eccl 5:13-14**

<sup>13</sup>There is a grievous evil which I [Solomon] have seen... riches were lost through a bad investment.

### **Ecc1 5:13-16, LB**

There is another problem I have seen everywhere—savings are put into risky investments that turn sour, and soon there is nothing left to pass on to one's son. The man who speculates is soon back to where he began—with nothing. This, as I have said, is a serious problem, for all his hard work has been for nothing; he has been working for the wind. It is all swept away.

## **4. Be a Steady Manager**

### **Prov 21:5**

The plans of the diligent lead surely to advantage

### **Prov 21:5, LB**

Steady plodding brings prosperity

### **Prov 21:5**

Everyone who is hasty comes surely to poverty

### **Prov 28:20**

He who makes haste to be rich will not go unpunished

## **Glorifying God with our Finances?**

### **Earn, depend, spend**

#### **How to Glorify**

##### **a. In how we earn income**

- Earn it through hard work
- Earn it by honest work
- Earn it by holy work

### **1 Thess 4:11-12**

<sup>11</sup>You should mind your own business and work with your hands, just as we told you, <sup>12</sup> so that your daily life may win the respect of outsiders and so that you will not be dependent on anybody.

### **Proverbs 14:23**

<sup>23</sup>All hard work brings a profit, but mere talk leads only to poverty.

##### **b. In how we depend on it**

- Don't depend on it for happiness
- Don't depend on it for health
- Don't trust it for heaven

### **1 Tim 6:17**

<sup>17</sup>Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment.

### c. In how we spend it

- Our degree of spending
- Our direction of spending
- Our communication - spending should glorify God

## Closing

### Building iron chariots

#### Judges 1:19 (NIV)

<sup>19</sup>The Lord was with the men of Judah. They took possession of the hill country, but they were unable to drive the people from the plains, because they had chariots fitted with iron.

- *Judah* = Christians
- *inhabitants of the lowlands* = the world

In order to be successful and “possess the land” we have to be able to compete and have our own “**iron chariots**”

### Work is worship

On earth to worship God, our work is worship, for that worship we get remuneration, and the remuneration belongs to Him.

The finance will follow as we work (worship) hard and good.

### God: faithful – conduits of blessing

#### Psalm 25

<sup>4</sup>Show me your ways, LORD, teach me your paths. Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Saviour. <sup>12</sup>Who, then, are those who fear the LORD? He will instruct them in the ways they should choose. They will spend their days in prosperity, and their descendants will inherit the land.