

55 Bible Verses About Money, Wealth & Finances

From everything belongs to the Lord to treasure that does not fail

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Jesus talked about money more than almost any other single topic — more than heaven, more than hell, more than prayer. Not because money is evil, but because how a person handles it reveals something true about the heart underneath.

Scripture does not condemn wealth itself. It repeatedly warns against loving it, trusting it, or building an identity on it — and just as repeatedly calls believers toward generosity, contentment, and wise stewardship of whatever they've been given.

These fifty-five verses trace money from its true owner, through the traps of loving it too much, to the treasure that actually lasts.

Everything Belongs to God

Before any conversation about money can be healthy, this has to be settled first.

Psalm 24:1

“The earth is the LORD’s, and all its fullness, the world and those who dwell therein.”

All its fullness — nothing you own is truly separate from what already belongs to Him.

Psalm 50:10–12

“For every beast of the forest is Mine, and the cattle on a thousand hills... the world is Mine, and all its fullness.”

God names His ownership in specific, countable terms.

Deuteronomy 8:18

“And you shall remember the LORD your God, for it is He who gives you power to get wealth.”

Even the power to earn is credited as a gift.

Haggai 2:8

“‘The silver is Mine, and the gold is Mine,’ says the LORD of hosts.”

A reminder of who actually holds the supply.

1 Chronicles 29:11–12

“Yours, O LORD, is the greatness... both riches and honor come from You.”

David prays this while giving back what was always God's.

The Danger of Loving Money

Scripture never says money is evil. It says something specific about loving it.

1 Timothy 6:9–10

“For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, for which some have strayed from the faith.”

The love of money — not money itself.

Matthew 6:24

“No one can serve two masters... You cannot serve God and mammon.”

A warning against letting money become a master.

Ecclesiastes 5:10

“He who loves silver will not be satisfied with silver; nor he who loves abundance, with increase.”

More money rarely satisfies a heart that already loves money.

Luke 12:15

“Take heed and beware of covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of the things he possesses.”

Life is not measured by what accumulates.

Hebrews 13:5

“Let your conduct be without covetousness; be content with such things as you have.”

Contentment is the direct antidote to covetousness.

Contentment

A skill Paul says he had to learn, not a personality trait some people simply have.

Philippians 4:11–13

“I have learned, in whatever state I am, to be content... I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.”

Learned — not natural. A discipline built over time.

1 Timothy 6:6–8

“Now godliness with contentment is great gain... having food and clothing, with these we shall be content.”

Contentment itself is described as wealth.

Proverbs 30:8–9

“Give me neither poverty nor riches; feed me with the food allotted to me.”

A rare prayer asking for neither extreme.

Psalms 37:16

“A little that a righteous man has is better than the riches of many wicked.”

Better is measured by what the wealth is built on.

Ecclesiastes 5:12

“The sleep of a laboring man is sweet... but the abundance of the rich will not permit him to sleep.”

More can mean more to protect, not more peace.

Generosity and Giving

An open hand is the natural fruit of a heart shaped by grace.

2 Corinthians 9:6–7

“He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly... God loves a cheerful giver.”

The attitude behind the gift matters as much as the gift.

Proverbs 11:24–25

“There is one who scatters, yet increases more; and there is one who withholds more than is right, but it leads to poverty.”

Generosity and increase are linked, not opposed.

Luke 6:38

“Give, and it will be given to you: good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over.”

A generous return for a generous hand.

Acts 20:35

“It is more blessed to give than to receive.”

A direct quote of Jesus, preserved here by Paul.

Proverbs 19:17

“He who has pity on the poor lends to the LORD, and He will pay back what he has given.”

Generosity toward the poor as a loan God Himself repays.

Tithing and Firstfruits

Giving God the first portion, not the leftover.

Malachi 3:10

“Bring all the tithes into the storehouse... and try Me now in this, says the LORD of hosts, if I will not open for you the windows of heaven.”

One of the only places God invites His people to test Him.

Proverbs 3:9–10

“Honor the LORD with your possessions, and with the firstfruits of all your increase.”

Firstfruits — the first portion, not what's left over.

Leviticus 27:30

“And all the tithe of the land... is the LORD’s. It is holy to the LORD.”

Holy — set apart, not just a budget line item.

Deuteronomy 14:23

“And you shall eat before the LORD your God... the tithe of your grain... that you may learn to fear the LORD your God always.”

The purpose was formation, not just funding a system.

1 Corinthians 16:2

“On the first day of the week let each one of you lay something aside, storing up as he may prosper.”

Giving scaled to what a person actually has.

Debt and Financial Wisdom

Practical, plainspoken counsel about borrowing and lending.

Proverbs 22:7

“The rich rules over the poor, and the borrower is servant to the lender.”

Debt described in terms of the relationship it creates.

Romans 13:8

“Owe no one anything except to love one another.”

The one debt Paul says should remain outstanding is not financial.

Proverbs 22:26–27

“Do not be one of those who shakes hands in a pledge, one of those who is surety for debts.”

Caution aimed at guaranteeing someone else's debt.

Psalms 37:21

“The wicked borrows and does not repay, but the righteous shows mercy and gives.”

Repayment as a matter of character.

Proverbs 6:1–2

“My son, if you become surety for your friend... you are snared by the words of your mouth.”

How quickly a financial promise can become a trap.

Diligence and Work

Provision, in Scripture, is usually tied to steady, ordinary effort.

Proverbs 10:4

“He who has a slack hand becomes poor, but the hand of the diligent makes rich.”

The hand named here, not luck or circumstance.

Proverbs 13:11

“Wealth gained by dishonesty will be diminished, but he who gathers by labor will increase.”

How wealth is gained matters as much as how much.

2 Thessalonians 3:10

“If anyone will not work, neither shall he eat.”

Addressed to those unwilling to work, not unable.

Proverbs 21:5

“The plans of the diligent lead surely to plenty, but those of everyone who is hasty, surely to poverty.”

Diligence includes thinking ahead, not just working hard.

Ecclesiastes 5:19

“As for every man to whom God has given riches and wealth... to accept his heritage and rejoice in his labor—this is the gift of God.”

Rejoicing in labor is the gift, not just the wages.

Saving and Planning Ahead

Wisdom looks further than the immediate moment.

Proverbs 21:20

“There is desirable treasure, and oil in the dwelling of the wise, but a foolish man squanders it.”

The contrast is between keeping and wasting.

Proverbs 6:6–8

“Go to the ant, you sluggard! Consider her ways and be wise... she provides her supplies in the summer.”

The ant needs no supervisor to plan ahead.

Proverbs 27:23–24

“Be diligent to know the state of your flocks, and attend to your herds; for riches are not forever.”

A reason to steward carefully, not to despair.

Luke 14:28

“For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not sit down first and count the cost.”

Jesus uses financial planning to picture the cost of discipleship.

Genesis 41:35

“And let them gather all the food of those good years that are coming, and store up grain.”

Joseph's plan saved an entire region.

Trusting God's Provision

The actual supply has always come from somewhere beyond your own hands.

Matthew 6:31–33

“Therefore do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’... seek first the kingdom of God... and all these things shall be added to you.”

Seek first — not seek only.

Philippians 4:19

“And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.”

The measure of the supply is His abundance, not your lack.

Psalms 37:25

“I have been young, and now am old; yet I have not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his descendants begging bread.”

A whole lifetime of observation offered as evidence.

Matthew 6:26

“Look at the birds of the air... your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they?”

If the birds are provided for, how much more you.

2 Corinthians 9:8

“And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work.”

Sufficiency tied to a purpose — enough to give again.

Warnings About Riches

Scripture does not romanticize wealth. It watches it closely.

Proverbs 23:4–5

“Do not overwork to be rich; because of your own understanding, cease! Will you set your eyes on that which is not?”

Wealth described as fleeting.

1 Timothy 6:17–19

“Command those who are rich in this present age not to be haughty, nor to trust in uncertain riches but in the living God.”

Uncertain riches — a direct label for what feels most certain.

James 5:1–3

“Come now, you rich, weep and howl for your miseries that are coming upon you! Your riches are corrupted.”

One of the harshest warnings in the New Testament.

Luke 12:16–21

“The ground of a certain rich man yielded plentifully... ‘Fool! This night your soul will be required of you.’”

Every barn built, and no thought given to the soul.

Psalm 49:16–17

“Do not be afraid when one becomes rich... for when he dies he shall carry nothing away.”

The great equalizer every fortune eventually meets.

Treasure in Heaven

The one investment Scripture says is guaranteed never to lose its value.

Matthew 6:19–21

“Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth... but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven... For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

Your heart follows your treasure, not the other way around.

Matthew 19:21

“If you want to be perfect, go, sell what you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven.”

Spoken to a man whose wealth was holding him back.

Luke 12:33–34

“Sell what you have and give alms; provide yourselves money bags which do not grow old, a treasure in the heavens that does not fail.”

Does not fail — a guarantee no earthly investment can offer.

Mark 10:21

“Then Jesus, looking at him, loved him, and said to him, ‘One thing you lack... sell whatever you have and give to the poor... and come, take up the cross, and follow Me.’”

Loved him — the hard instruction came from love.

1 Timothy 6:18–19

“Let them do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to give, willing to share, storing up for themselves a good foundation for the time to come.”

A different kind of wealth every believer can build.

Fifty-five verses — from the earth is the LORD’s to treasure that does not fail — all pointing to the same truth: **money makes an excellent servant and a terrible master. Scripture never asks you to despise what you’ve been given. It asks you to hold it open-handed, remembering whose it was all along.**

Whatever is in your hands right now, it was given to be stewarded, shared, and eventually let go of — not clutched as though it were the point.

A CLOSING PRAYER

Lord, everything I have is Yours before it is mine.

Teach me to hold it open-handed —

not anxious about having too little,

not trusting in having too much.

Make me generous. Make me content.

And build in me a treasure that moths cannot touch and thieves cannot steal.

Amen.