

Money: How to Get It and How to Keep It, Part 3

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Introduction Summary

We will talk about four reasons people want more money. Then we will look at the value of diligence, both spiritually and naturally. Finally, we will discover how following God is the ultimate way to financial stability, because where God leads, He always provides.

- I. Overall, most people want money to live as comfortable as possible for themselves and those who are important to them.
 - A. Be rich toward God (Luke 12:21).
 - B. Some people, with wrong motives, strike out to be as rich as possible (1 Tim. 6:9-10).
- II. Another reason people want money is to acquire power to shape the world as they see fit.
 - A. George Soros and Bill Gates acquire wealth to force their values on the world.
 - B. Truett Cathy, the founder of Chick-Fil-A, always put God first, tithed and closed his restaurants every Sunday. Yet, the company's earnings in 2018 were \$10 billion. The third richest man in the country, he stood for righteous causes (Pro. 11:24-28).
- III. Furthering God's kingdom in the earth should be the goal of a *useful* Christian.
 - A. We raised our children to be useful to God's kingdom. We put *them* before money.
 - B. You want to bless both your own and future generations (Eph. 4:28).
 - C. Jesus watched the people cast in money (Mark 12:41).
 1. The rich gave much. Jesus was not poor and neither was His ministry.
 2. Jesus was not under the curse of the law.
- IV. Finally, some want to get money to help those who are downtrodden in life.
 - A. Every month Word of Faith sows to entities that help the poor (Pro. 19:17).
 - B. The young man presented himself as someone who knew the Word (Mat. 19:21). Had he known the Word, he would have known that following Jesus would bless him; and that he would have been one of Jesus' disciples.
 - C. A bountiful eye is a "giving" eye (Pro. 22:9).
 - D. Where you fall in those four categories will determine how you get and keep money.
- V. In this earth there is a duality of existence: There is the natural realm with a natural system and the spirit realm with systems that touch the natural world.
 - A. Elisha prayed and his servant saw into the spirit realm (2 Kings 6:15-17).

- B. The gift of discerning of spirits is seeing into the spirit realm (1 Cor. 12:10).
- C. The natural relies on who you know, what you know, and what you do to get ahead.

- D. The spirit realm relies on the wisdom of God.
- E. God leads you to do things that always include you and someone else.
- F. I was blessed with a Rolex watch, but God told me it was for someone else.
- G. When you follow God, His principles work for you (Gen. 8:22; Pro. 8:14-21).

VI. Diligence pays off in both realms.

- A. If you want to succeed in anything, you must be diligent and focused (Pro. 10:4).
- B. You have to choose to be diligent about the Word (Pro. 6:6-11).
 - 1. You don't have to be forced to do the thing you want to do in life (6:7).
 - 2. The ant has a plan, is ready for harvest and isn't late (6:8).
 - 3. Wisdom gets up out of bed to pray every day (6:9).
 - 4. Wisdom is consistent. Example: There was an 82 year-old woman who beat up her attacker. She had become strong through working out consistently. Her diligence saved her life!
- C. This is the person who wants success but is not diligent (Pro. 13:4).
- D. Diligence works in both the spiritual realm and natural realm.
 - 1. For our children to have a good education, we had to be financially disciplined.
 - 2. You must discipline yourself to consistently pray and study the Word of God if you want revelation of the Word of God.

VII. There is always divine financial provision in your assigned place (1 Cor. 12:18).

- A. Get in your assigned place and stay there.
- B. If you say you can't make a living in your assigned place, you won't.
- C. If you consistently follow God's direction, you will be successful.
- D. Everything operates by seed, time and harvest (Gen. 8:22).

VIII. Follow your calling, not your passion.

- A. Once you find out your calling, pray tongues for clarification.
- B. Pray the *secret things*, the plan of God for your life (1 Cor. 14:2; John 7:38).
- C. If someone prophesies to you about God's plan for you, it should be confirmation.
- D. When you pray in tongues you build up your spiritual strength (1 Cor. 14:4).
- E. Pray as long as it takes; it could be days, months or years.
- F. Approach these things a little bit at a time.

Closing Summery

The wisdom of God is inside you, concerning money. Say about yourself what the Word says: "The wisdom of God is in me, concerning money." Even though you may have made bad financial decisions in the past, God can turn it around for you. It starts by saying what God says about you. Then pray so that He will reveal to you His

will for your life. Once you know His will, decide to be diligent about doing His will. When you do that, you are on your way to being blessed in every way.