

Money: How to Get It and How to Keep It, Part 2

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Introduction Summary

In this second part, we will talk about some things that really need to be addressed. In my 45 years in ministry, I have seen people involved in the pitfalls we will study that have caused them to lose rather than gain money. Knowing what to avoid is a start. When acted upon, having this valuable information will put you on and keep you on the course to financial wealth.

- I. Being tricked out of your money can cause you to lose your money.
 - A. Handling money wrongly can lead you into a trap (1 Tim. 6:9).
 - B. You can love money without having any money (1 Tim. 6:10).
 - C. Loving money can lead you to ruin (Pro. 28:20).
 - D. In the 80's there were illegal pyramid schemes spreading throughout the church. Some pastors were involved who went to prison and people were hurt by it. Today, they're called susu circles or blessing circles. These are shortcuts and they are not of God.
- II. Laziness leads to poverty.
 - A. Don't be unwilling to do what is necessary to gain godly wealth (Pro. 6:10).
 - B. Laziness is connected to covetousness (Pro. 20:13).
 - C. Talking about work but not doing anything about it tends to poverty (Pro. 14:23).
- III. Refusing sound instruction causes you to lose money (Pro. 13:18).
 - A. Satan easily takes away the Word that you don't received in your heart (Mark 4:15).
 - B. Trust only in the Lord, not get-rich-quick schemes (Pro. 3:5-7).
 - C. Recognize the Bible is God speaking to you.
- IV. Intoxicants (drugs, alcohol) cause you to lose money (Pro. 23:21).
- V. Running with and listening to the wrong people can cause you to lose everything (Pro. 28:19).
 - A. I always told my children, nothing good happens after midnight.
 - B. Some associations can cause you to lose your life.
 - C. You have to choose to do the right thing.
 - D. Don't follow others who do the wrong thing.
 - E. Some associations can cause you financial ruin (Ps. 1:1-6; 2 Cor. 6:14-18).
 - F. Even some church people will influence you to do the wrong thing.
- VI. Lack of patience and impulse spending lead to bad decisions.
 - A. Never make financial decisions in a hurry (Pro. 28:22).

- B. Count up the cost before making financial decisions (Luke 14:28-32).
- C. We looked for a building for our Toledo church for a year. Every week we saved a portion specifically for that. We held services in a temporary place until we would find a permanent place. When we found the perfect spot, we used the money we set aside to *pay cash* for it. We were prepared for a good opportunity!
- VII. Spending money on unnecessary things causes you to lose money (Isa. 55:2).
- A. Married people should agree on what is spent.
 - B. Listen to the Holy Ghost to lead you (1 Pet. 5:6).
 - C. There is a right season for you to spend.
- VIII. Subsidizing other people's bad choices causes you to lose money (Pro. 22:26-27).
- A. I was a chaplain for the Detroit Lions and Michigan Wolverines: I ministered to the Lions, partly, to assist the young athletes who needed help handling their money. Having been given a one-million-dollar contract, they needed to know what to do with all the problems that come along with having lots of money. Additionally, help was needed for them to prepare when their contract would end.
 - B. Don't allow other people to tell you what to do with your money.
- IX. Paying interest leads to shortage and lack (Pro. 22:7).
- A. When we set aside money for our Toledo church, we were ready for the opportunity.
 - B. Mortgage and credit card interest add up.
 - C. The curse of poverty happens for a reason (Pro. 26:2; Psa. 118:6).
- X. Not checking with God before you spend leads to shortage and lack (Col. 3:15).
- A. Eve was moved by what she saw (Gen. 3:6).
 - B. Even when I'm in the store, I take a moment to check with God before purchasing.
- XI. The curse comes as a result of robbing God of tithes and offerings (Mal. 3:8-9).
- XII. The lack of planting financial seed causes poverty (Pro. 11:24-25).
- A. When there's a need, ask the Lord what you should plant.
 - B. A person with consistent seed has consistent harvest.
- XIII. Putting other things ahead of God causes you to lose money (Hag. 1:3-7, Chapter 2).
- XIV. Don't violate God's principles.
- A. Learn to live by faith (Heb. 10:38).
 - B. Start small and then work your way up.
 - C. My wife and I started small. We exercised these principles and God always provided. Along with the blessing comes persecution (Mark 10:29-30).
 - D. I used to list my prayers in a book and check them off when they were answered.

Closing Summary

God wants to do more with you than you have ever considered. But you have to raise your level of expectation. Be patient, and sidestep the tricks and traps the devil has set for you. Then you can experience real wealth, the way God intended. Take some time to meditate on these things. Let these words go deep into your heart. If you do, the Holy Ghost will lead you into financial blessing!