

MONEY

God gives us the ability to make wealth (Deuteronomy 8:18). Money can be a real blessing (Deuteronomy 28:1-13) of God, but if not handled with a good heart, it can mislead and control people that are not completely sold out to the Lord.

1 Timothy 6:10

“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.”

Matthew 6:24

“No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will hold to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon.”

Knowing that too much comfort and ease can easily corrupt a man, God warns us many times over not to let it turn our hearts away from Him.

Revelation 3:17

“Because you say, ‘I am rich, and have become wealthy, and have need of nothing,’ and you do not know that you are wretched and miserable and poor and blind and naked,”

Deuteronomy 8:13-14

*“and when your herds and your flocks multiply, and your silver and gold multiply, and all that you have multiplies,
then your heart becomes proud, and you forget the LORD your God who brought you out from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.”*

Money is good and powerful and can be used to finance God’s kingdom work, but it also can be a true litmus test of someone’s qualification for kingdom work.

Luke 16:11

“If therefore you have not been faithful in the {use of} unrighteous mammon, who will entrust the true {riches} to you?”

In the end, God’s Word says that whoever has money is to be poised to be ready to use it wherever needed for kingdom work, and to meet the needs of kingdom people.

1 Timothy 6:17-18

*“Instruct those who are rich in this present world not to be conceited or to fix their hope on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly supplies us with all things to enjoy.
{Instruct them} to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share,”*