

Ten Biblical principles about money and wealth
A survey of Scripture
Principle 10. Pursue the true riches rather than material wealth

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2. The Bible reveals the eternally surpassing value of the “True Riches” compared to earthly wealth
 - i. The goal of our study is a transformed heart
3. God wants our heart
 - i. Theme verse
 - b. The purpose of my instruction is that all believers would be filled with love that comes from a pure heart, a clear conscience, and genuine faith. 1 Timothy 1:5 (NLT)
4. Principle #10. Pursue the true riches rather than material wealth
 - i. Outline
 - b. The relationship between material wealth and the True Riches
 - c. 5 ways that the True Riches are different from material wealth
 - d. 13 examples of the True Riches
 - e. 2 more priceless blessings in Christ
 - f. 5 things that are better than monetary wealth
 - g. A treasure of great value
 - h. How to share the True Riches with others
5. Key Bible passages
 - a. You know the generous grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. Though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty he could make you rich. 2 Corinthians 8:9 (NLT)
 - b. Our hearts ache, but we always have joy. We are poor, but we give spiritual riches to others. We own nothing, and yet we have everything. 2 Corinthians 6:10 NLT)
6. The True Riches reflect the greatness, goodness, grace, and glory of God Bible.org
7. 5 ways that the True Riches are different from material wealth
8. 1. The True Riches are spiritual in nature rather than material
 - a. “If you are faithful in little things, you will be faithful in large ones. But if you are dishonest in little things, you won’t be honest with greater responsibilities. And if you are untrustworthy about worldly wealth, who will trust you with the true riches of heaven? Luke 16:10-11 (NLT)
9. 2. The True Riches originate in heaven rather than the earth
 - a. And if you are untrustworthy about worldly wealth, who will trust you with the true riches of heaven? Luke 16:11 (NLT)
10. 3. The True Riches of heaven are eternal; earthly wealth is temporary
 - a. “Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. Matthew 6:19-21 (ESV)
11. 4. The True Riches are gifts from God; earthly wealth can be achieved through human effort

- a. From his abundance we have all received one gracious blessing after another. John 1:16 (NLT)
 - b. The thief's purpose is to steal and kill and destroy. My purpose is to give them a rich and satisfying life. John 10:10 (NLT)
12. 5. The True Riches depend on our relationship to God; earthly wealth depends on our abilities, wisdom, performance and circumstance
- a. Then he said, "Beware! Guard against every kind of greed. Life is not measured by how much you own." "Yes, a person is a fool to store up earthly wealth but not have a rich relationship with God." Luke 12:15, 21 (NLT)
13. 13 examples of the True Riches
14. 1. The salvation of our souls
- a. As the Scriptures tell us, "Anyone who trusts in him will never be disgraced." Jew and Gentile are the same in this respect. They have the same Lord, who gives generously to all who call on him. For "Everyone who calls on the name of the LORD will be saved." Romans 10:11-13 (NLT)
15. 2. Christ living in us
- a. To them God has chosen to make known among the Gentiles the glorious riches of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. Colossians 1:27
16. 3. Riches Christ gave to us through his poverty
- a. You know the generous grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. Though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty he could make you rich. 2 Corinthians 8:9 (NLT)
17. 4. Every resource we need to live a godly life
- a. For in union with Christ you have become rich in all things, including all speech and all knowledge. 1 Corinthians 1:5 (TEV).
18. 5. Our precious faith
- a. Listen, my beloved brethren: Has God not chosen the poor of this world *to be* rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom which He promised to those who love Him? James 2:5 (NKJV)
19. 8. Abundant life in Christ
- a. The thief's purpose is to steal and kill and destroy. My purpose is to give them a rich and satisfying life. John 10:10 (NLT)
20. 7. Our glorious inheritance in Christ
- a. *I pray that* the eyes of your heart may be enlightened, so that you will know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, Ephesians 1:18 (NASB)
21. 8. God's grace
- a. ...the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. Ephesians 2:7b
 - b. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in

accordance with the riches of God's grace Ephesians 1:7

22. 9. Riches given to us by the poor
 - a. Our hearts ache, but we always have joy. We are poor, but we give spiritual riches to others. We own nothing, and yet we have everything. 2 Cor 6:10 (NLT)
23. 10. God's kindness, tolerance and patience
 - a. Or do you show contempt for the riches of his kindness, tolerance and patience, not realizing that God's kindness leads you toward repentance? Romans 2:4
24. 11. Indwelling power of the Holy Spirit
 - a. I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, Ephesians 3:16
25. 12. The unfathomable riches in Christ
 - a. To me, though I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, Ephesians 3:8 (ESV)
26. 13. Having God as the provider of our needs
 - a. And my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:19
27. Two more priceless treasures in Christ
 - a. The fruit of the Spirit: Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness. (Gal 5:22)
 - b. Spiritual gifts given by the Holy Spirit
28. 5 things that are better than monetary wealth
29. 1. Poverty with purity
 - a. Better a poor man whose walk is blameless than a rich man whose ways are perverse. Proverbs 28:6
30. 2. A good reputation:
 - a. Choose a good reputation over great riches; being held in high esteem is better than silver or gold. Proverbs 22:1
31. 3. Knowledge, understanding and wisdom,
 - a. A house is built by wisdom and becomes strong through good sense. Through knowledge its rooms are filled with all sorts of precious riches and valuables. Proverbs 24:3-4 (NLT)
 - b. Joyful is the person who finds wisdom, the one who gains understanding. For wisdom is more profitable than silver, and her wages are better than gold. Wisdom is more precious than rubies; nothing you desire can compare with her. Proverbs 3:13-15 (NLT)
 - c. How much better to get wisdom than gold, and good judgment than silver! Proverbs 16:16 (NLT)
32. 4. A wife of noble character
 - a. Who can find a virtuous and capable wife? She is more precious than rubies. Proverbs 31:10 (NLT)
33. 5. The ability to enjoy our life

- a. Moreover, when God gives any man wealth and possessions, and enables him to enjoy them, to accept his lot and be happy in his work--this is a gift of God
Ecclesiastes 5:19
- 34. A treasure of great wealth
 - i. Godliness with contentment
- 35. 5. Principles of contentment
 - i. Godliness is its foundation
- 36. 1. Commit our heart to God and pursue holiness
 - a. GOD is always on the alert, constantly on the lookout for people who are totally committed to him. 2 Chronicles 16:9a (MSG)
 - b. Therefore, prepare your minds for action; be self-controlled; set your hope fully on the grace to be given you when Jesus Christ is revealed. As obedient children, do not conform to the evil desires you had when you lived in ignorance. But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; for it is written: "Be holy, because I am holy." 1 Peter 1:13-16
- 37. 2. Trust in God's promise to care for us
 - a. Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said, "Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you." Hebrews 13:5
- 38. 3. Be satisfied with the basic necessities of life
 - a. But godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that. 1 Timothy 6:6-8
- 39. 4. Adapt to and even thrive in whatever financial situation find ourselves
 - a. I rejoice greatly in the Lord that at last you have renewed your concern for me. Indeed, you have been concerned, but you had no opportunity to show it. I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. I can do everything through him who gives me strength. Philippians 4:10-13
- 40. 5. Let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts
 - a. Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. Colossians 3:15
- 41. Share our True Riches with others
 - a. Time
 - b. Prayer
 - c. Use our spiritual gifts for the benefit of others
 - d. Giving tangible expressions of love, empathy and compassion (eg, blessings fund)
 - e. Help someone grow in the their relationship with Christ
 - f. Share the gospel
- 42. Quiz
 - i. Multiple choice or True/False
 - b. Create one or more quizzes that deal with this module
 - c. Usually 4 or 5 choices or statements work best for each quiz

- d. After allowing a minute or two for the students to complete the quiz, go over the answers. For false statements, ask the class what change could be made to make the statement true
43. Question for discussion
- a. Discuss some ways of using our spiritual gifts for the benefit of others
 - i. A spiritual gift is given to each of us so we can help each other. To one person the Spirit gives the ability to give wise advice; to another the same Spirit gives a message of special knowledge. The same Spirit gives great faith to another, and to someone else the one Spirit gives the gift of healing. He gives one person the power to perform miracles, and another the ability to prophesy. He gives someone else the ability to discern whether a message is from the Spirit of God or from another spirit. Still another person is given the ability to speak in unknown languages, while another is given the ability to interpret what is being said. 1 Corinthians 12:7-10 (NLT)
44. Summary of the True Riches
- a. If we are faithful with worldly goods, God may grant us spiritual treasures
 - b. True Riches are spiritual in nature rather than material.
 - c. True Riches are given by the grace of God and reveal the glory of God
 - d. They are our true source of happiness and usefulness for God's kingdom, and are to be earnestly pursued rather than material wealth
 - e. Abundances of faith may be most often found among the poor
 - f. Contentment is a precious treasure
 - g. We should share the True Riches with others
45. Ten Biblical principles about money and wealth
- i. A survey of Scripture
46. THE END
47. TEAM ASSIGNMENT
- i. True riches
 - b. List at least 6 teachings from Scripture that distinguish "true riches" from material wealth
 - c. List 4 things that God is looking for in people regarding their attitude towards money
 - d. List 10 things you would rather have than material wealth
 - e. Put a price tag on each item which would be your sales price for relinquishing it