

Ten Biblical principles about money and wealth
A survey of Scripture
Principle #2 Worship and trust God rather than money

1. A survey of Scripture
2. The Bible teaches us to worship and trust God rather than money
 - i. The goal of our study is a transformed heart
3. The underlying theme of this seminar
 - i. God wants our heart
 - 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 #2: Worship and trust God rather than money
 - i. Outline
 - b. Part I: Worship God
 - i. Key Bible passages
 - ii. A rich relationship with God
 - iii. What gives our lives value
 - iv. The basis for our joy
 - v. A big disappointment
 - vi. What is “living death”
 - vii. Why the world hates us
 - c. Part II: Trust God
 - i. An unreliable source of security
 - ii. Can our wealth extend our lives?
 - iii. Whom should we trust? -->
5. Key Bible passages
 - i. No one can serve two masters. For you will hate one and love the other; you will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money. Matthew 6:24 (NLT)

O LORD, I give my life to you. I trust in you, my God! Do not let me be disgraced, or let my enemies rejoice in my defeat. No one who trusts in you will ever be disgraced, but disgrace comes to those who try to deceive others. Psalm 25:1, 3 (NLT)
6. Part I: Worship God, not money
7. We must choose whom we will worship
 - a. “No one can serve two masters. For you will hate one and love the other; you will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.” Matthew 6:24 (NLT)
8. God wants us to have a rich relationship with Himself rather than the world
 - i. Luke 12:15-21
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‘What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?’ And he said, ‘I will do this: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, “Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.”’ But God said to him, ‘Fool! This night your soul is required of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’ So is the one who lays up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God.” -->

10. God is the One who gives our lives value, not our possessions
 - i. For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me will find it. Matthew 16:25
11. Base our joy on knowing and serving the Lord rather than the pursuing riches and pleasure
 - a. I delight greatly in the LORD; my soul rejoices in my God. For he has clothed me with garments of salvation and arrayed me in a robe of righteousness Isaiah 61:10a
 - b. (ESV) Blessed is everyone who fears the LORD, who walks in his ways! You shall eat the fruit of the labor of your hands; you shall be blessed, and it shall be well with you. Psalm 128:1 -->
12. If we depend upon our money and possessions for our happiness, we may be disappointed
 - a. I denied myself nothing my eyes desired; I refused my heart no pleasure. My heart took delight in all my work, and this was the reward for all my labor. ¹¹ Yet when I surveyed all that my hands had done and what I had toiled to achieve, everything was meaningless, a chasing after the wind; nothing was gained under the sun. Ecclesiastes 2:10-11 -->
13. Living for pleasure can be described as living death
 - a. But the widow who lives for pleasure is dead even while she lives 1 Timothy 5:6
14. 3 consequences Christians may experience for pursuing God rather than riches
15. 1. Hatred and disrespect from the world rather than praise
 - i. What blessings await you when people hate you and exclude you and mock you and curse you as evil because you follow the Son of Man. Luke 6:22 (NLT)
16. 2. Embarrassment
 - i. It was by faith that Moses, when he grew up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh’s daughter. He chose to share the oppression of God’s people instead of enjoying the fleeting pleasures of sin. Hebrews 11:24-25 (NLT)
17. 3. Suffering
 - i. He thought it was better to suffer for the sake of Christ than to own the treasures of Egypt, for he was looking ahead to his great reward. Hebrews 11:26 (NLT)
18. Part II: Trust in God rather than money
19. Riches are an unreliable source of security
 - a. Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, 1 Timothy 6:17a
20. Our wealth won’t purchase one minute of life from God:
 - a. Wealth is worthless in the day of wrath, but righteousness delivers from death

Proverbs 11:4>

21. Trust God to care and provide for us, not our money
 - a. Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. 1 Timothy 6:17
 - b. 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
 - c. Whoever trusts in his riches will fall, but the righteous will thrive like a green leaf. Proverbs 11:28
22. Essay
 - a. What does the Bible say about trusting and worship money. Compare and contrast each point with popular worldly thinking.
23. Class discussion
 - a. Share a real-life example of someone you know who practiced either or both philosophies described in this module;
 - i. Worshiped and trusted God rather than money
 - ii. Worshiped and trusted money rather than God
 - iii. Hint: power, fame, pleasure are common substitutes for money as a passionate pursuit. You may use them as your examples.
24. Summary
 - a. Let the pursuit of our hearts be to love, worship, and obey Christ rather than chase after money and the things it can buy.
 - b. God is the one who gives our lives value.
 - c. Though the world may despise us for our devotion to him rather than to materialism, we are to find our joy and pleasure by knowing and serving him.
 - d. Our wealth cannot give us security or peace.
 - e. God is our provider, the source of our security, and the protector of our lives.
 - f. We are to pursue God with a thankful, sincere, and humble heart.
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