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 16:1-9

Money
 Luke

What the world says about money:

- *Money plays the largest part in determining the course of history*--Karl Marx
- *Money often costs too much.*--Ralph Waldo Emerson
- *Money never made a man happy yet, nor will it. The more a man has, the more he wants. Instead of filling a vacuum, it makes one.*--Benjamin Franklin
- *Money is a terrible master but an excellent servant.*--P.T. Barnum
- *Too many people spend money they earned...to buy things they don't want...to impress people that they don't like.*--Will Rogers
- *A wise person should have money in their head, but not in their heart.* --Jonathan Swift
- *He who loses money, loses much; He who loses a friend, loses much more; He who loses faith, loses all.*--Eleanor Roosevelt
- *You can only become truly accomplished at something you love. Don't make money your goal. Instead, pursue the things you love doing, and then do them so well that people can't take their eyes off you.*--Maya Angelou
- *If money is your hope for independence you will never have it. The only real security that a man will have in this world is a reserve of knowledge, experience, and ability.*--Henry Ford
- *I made my money the old-fashioned way. I was very nice to a wealthy relative right before he died.*--Malcolm Forbes
- *Try to save something while your salary is small; it's impossible to save after you begin to earn more.*--Jack Benny
- *You must gain control over your money or the lack of it will forever control you.* --Dave Ramsey
- *Don't tell me what you value, show me your budget, and I'll tell you what you value.*"--Joe Biden
- *We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give.* --Winston Churchill
- *I'd like to live as a poor man with lots of money.*--Pablo Picasso
- *Money is the alienated essence of man's work and existence; this essence dominates him and he worships it.*--Karl Marx
- *While money can't buy happiness, it certainly lets you choose your own form of misery.*--Groucho Marx

Luke 16:1-9 Now He was also saying to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and this manager was reported to him as squandering his possessions. 2 And he called him and said to him, 'What is this I hear about you? Give an accounting of your management, for you can no longer be manager.' 3 The manager said to himself, 'What shall I do, since my master is taking the management away from me? I am not strong enough to dig; I am ashamed to beg. 4 I know what I shall do, so that when I am removed from the management people will welcome me into their homes.' 5 And he summoned each one of his master's debtors, and he began saying to the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' 6 And he said, 'A hundred measures of oil.' And he said to him, 'Take your bill, and sit down quickly and write fifty.' 7 Then he said to another, 'And how much do you owe?' And he said, 'A hundred measures of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, and write eighty.' 8 And his master praised the unrighteous manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the sons of this age are more shrewd in relation to their own kind than the sons of light. 9 And I say to you, make friends for yourselves by means of the wealth of unrighteousness, so that when it fails, they will receive you into the eternal dwellings.

Biblical Strategy for the Use of Money – 3 Rules

I. _____ all you can.

A. Not at the harm of your _____.

Wesley explains: "Neither should we begin or continue in any business, which necessarily deprives us of proper seasons for food and sleep, in such a proportion as our nature requires...
... Some employments are absolutely and total unhealthy as those which imply the dealing much with arsenic, or other equally harmful minerals, or the breathing an air tainted with streams of melting lead, which must at length destroy the firmest constitution. Others may not be absolutely unhealthy, but only to persons of a weak constitution. Such are those which require many hours to be spent in writing; especially if a person write sitting, and lean upon his stomach, or remain long in an uneasy posture." (P 509)

Luke 12:23 "For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing.

B. Not at the harm of your _____.

Mark 8:36 "For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world, and forfeit his soul?"

C. Not to the harm of your _____.

II. _____ all you can.

Wesley says, "Expend no part of it merely to gratify the desires of the flesh, the desire of the eye, or the pride of life." (P. 511)

III. _____ all you can.

Main Point:

Doggy Bag: Something to take home and chew on!



1. Am I acting like a proprietor or like a steward of Christ's resources? Do I see this as my money or do I see it as Christ's money that He has entrusted to me to use for His glory?
2. Am I using Christ's money in a way that honors Him? Am I using this money in a way that Christ would use it? Am I using Christ's money in a way that reflect His word?
3. When I spend or give my money can I do it in a way that it feels like an act of worship or sacrifice to God? When I make a large purchase does it feel like I am purchasing something that can be used by God or for God?
4. When I earn, save, spend, or give money and possessions, do I have any reason to believe that for this Christ will reward me in the resurrection of the righteous?

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