

PROVERBS:

God's perspective
on money

- ▶ **The Heart:**
Money makes promises only God can keep.
- ▶ **The Perspective:**
God's glory is our goal, money is a means to an end.
- ▶ **The Practice:**
 - ▶ Giving the first fruits
 - ▶ Justice & generosity to the poor

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Why do we want money?

Security? Satisfaction?

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**“The name of the LORD is a fortified tower;
the righteous run to it and are safe.
The wealth of the rich is their fortified city;
they imagine it a wall too high to scale.”**

Proverbs 18:10-11

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**“Those who trust in their riches will fall,
but the righteous will thrive like a green leaf.”**

Proverbs 11:28

**“Better a little with the fear of the Lord
than great wealth with turmoil.
Better a small serving of vegetables with love
than a fattened calf with hatred.”**

Proverbs 15:16-17

**“Do not let your heart envy sinners,
but always be zealous for the fear of the LORD.”**

Proverbs 23:17

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**“Life does not consist in an abundance
of possessions.”**

Jesus, Luke 12:15

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Proverbs 3:9-10

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Proverbs 11:24

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“Am I to give with the idea of being repaid by the Lord?”

“Though we should never give for the sake of being repaid by the Lord, still, this will be the case, if we give from right motives.”

George Müller

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**Make God's kingdom the first thing
you do with your money.**

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Proverbs 14:31

Whoever mocks the poor shows contempt for their Maker;
whoever gloats over disaster will not go unpunished. 17:5

Whoever is kind to the poor lends to the LORD,
and he will reward them for what they have done. 19:17

Whoever shuts their ears to the cry of the poor
will also cry out and not be answered. 21:13

Do not exploit the poor because they are poor
and do not crush the needy in court,
for the LORD will take up their case
and will exact life for life. 22:22-23

Do not move an ancient boundary stone
or encroach on the fields of the fatherless,
for their Defender is strong;
he will take up their case against you. 23:10-11

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**“The righteous care about justice for the poor,
but the wicked have no such concern.”**

Proverbs 29:7

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Where your treasure is,
there your heart will be also.