

Earthly Cents for Heavenly Gold

Biblical Sense for Rands and Cents

The Heavenly Treasure Principle

Matthew 6:19-34

Heavenly Treasure Convictions

I cannot outgive God

2 Corinthians 9:7-8

Be generous to the church

1 Corinthians 16:2

Rest of 2 Corinthians 8 and 9

Suffer loss to uphold Christ's reputation

1 Corinthians 6:7

Contentment is wonderful

1 Timothy 6:6-10

Proverbs 23:1-5

Practical tips

1. Pay your bills on time
2. Watch your credit card
3. Always borrow less money than a bank is willing to give you
4. Make paying off debt a priority

Disaster isn't the end of the world

Proverbs 22:3

Proverbs 31:21

Some practical tips

1. Ensure your total belongings are worth more than your debt
2. Insure carefully
3. Plan ahead for the predictable disasters
4. A note of emigration for financial reasons
 - i. "*I will earn more*" The Greener Grass conspiracy
 - ii. "*I will lose less*" The Lesser Crime conspiracy
 - iii. **Matt 6:33** and the section before it – Don't compromise spiritual well being, church, and Christian service for perceived social well being.

Money can be saved, but not kept

Luke 12:13-21

Ecclesiastes 2:20-25

Save to spend better, don't save to keep more.

You do for family

Love your family and let them love you

Proverbs 17:17

1 Timothy 5:4, 8

A heavenly prayer about earthly money

Our Father, to you belong all things (Haggai 2:8). Thank you for what you have given to me for my daily sustenance and joy (Deuteronomy 8:10). Truly, every good gift comes from you (James 1:17).

Forgive me where I cling so tightly to earthly treasures (Matthew 6:19-21). Forgive me for being so easily consumed by earthly anxieties (Matthew 6:25-34). Cleanse me from any love of money (1 Timothy 6:10). Make me neither poor nor rich; give me what is needful for each day (Proverbs 30:8).

Thank you for the wisdom from your Word to correct my thinking about money, and thank you that your Word is always relevant and never impossible to follow (Romans 12:2). Use my money for your purposes. Use my money to test the purity of our affections, to grow your Church, and to make me a source of joy and happiness to those who are suffering.

Father, I long to be a willing, cheerful giver (2 Corinthians 9:7). I long to be prudent, wise, and principled in my finances (Proverbs 27:23-27). Give me the wisdom to excel in prudence, so I can excel also in generosity.

Thank you for the eternal treasure stored up with you that I gain by expending the many earthly treasures you have lavished upon me (Philippians 4:17). Please give me each day my daily bread (Matthew 6:11), and provide for me in all my needs.

Whether than I eat or drink, or whatever I do with our money, may I do it all to Your glory (1 Cor 10:31), Amen.