

FINANCIAL VERSES IN THE BIBLE

“If a ruler pays attention to lies, all his servants [his household] *become* wicked.” Proverbs 29:12

“Jesus replied, “But even more blessed are all who hear the word of God and put it into practice.” Luke 11:28 **[NLT]**

PAYING THE HARD WORKING FARMER, GOD, FIRST. [God’s principle of first fruits]:

“The hardworking farmer must be **first** to partake of the crops.” 2 Timothy 2:6

[The Hardworking Farmer works in me both to will and to do for His good pleasure. Philippians 2:13]

“You shall not delay *to offer* the first of your ripe produce and your juices. The **firstborn** of your sons you shall give to Me.” Exodus 22:29

“The **best [the first] of the firstfruits** of your ground you shall bring into the house of the LORD your God.”
Exodus 23:19 **[ESV]**

“But there is an order to this resurrection: Christ was raised as the **first of the harvest**; then all who belong to Christ will be raised when he comes back.” 1 Corinthians 15:23 **[NLT]**

“All the **firstborn** are Mine. On the day that I struck all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, I sanctified to Myself all the firstborn in Israel, both man and beast. They shall be Mine: I am the Lord.” Numbers 3:13

“So [Abram] brought back all the goods [taken from Sodom and Gomorrah], and also brought back his brother Lot and his goods, ... Then Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine; he was the priest of God Most High. And [Melchizedek] blessed [Abram], ... And **[Abram] gave [Melchizedek] a tithe of all [the goods]**.

Genesis 14:16, 18-20

“For this Melchizedek, king of Salem, priest of the Most High God, who met Abraham returning from the slaughter of the kings and blessed him, ² to whom also Abraham gave a tenth part of all, first being translated ‘king of righteousness,’ and then also king of Salem, meaning ‘king of peace,’ ³ without father, without mother, without genealogy, having neither beginning of days nor end of life, but made like the Son of God, remains a priest continually. ⁴ Now consider how great this man *was*, to whom even the patriarch **Abraham gave a tenth of the spoils.** ⁵ And indeed those who are of the sons of Levi, who receive the priesthood, have a commandment to receive tithes from the people according to the law, that is, from their brethren, though they have come from the loins of Abraham; ⁶ but he whose genealogy is not derived from them received tithes from Abraham and blessed him who had the promises. ⁷ Now beyond all contradiction the lesser is blessed by the better. ⁸ Here mortal men receive tithes, but there he *receives them*, of whom it is witnessed that he lives. ⁹ Even Levi, who receives tithes, paid tithes through Abraham, so to speak, ¹⁰ for he was still in the loins of his father when Melchizedek met him.”

Hebrews 7:1-10

“And this stone which I [Jacob] have set as a pillar shall be God’s house, and **of all that You give me I will surely give a tenth to You.**” Genesis 28:22

“**You shall truly tithe all the increase** of your grain that the field produces year by year.” Deuteronomy 14:22

“Honor the Lord with your possessions, and **with the firstfruits of all your increase**; so your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will overflow with new wine.” Proverbs 3:9-10

“Give, and it will be given to you: good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over will be put into your bosom. For with the same measure that you use, it will be measured back to you.” Luke 6:38

“Will a man rob God? Yet you have robbed Me! But you say, ‘In what way have we robbed You?’ **In tithes and offerings**. You are cursed with a curse, for you have robbed Me, even this whole nation. Bring all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be food in My house, and try Me now in this,” Says the Lord of hosts, “If I will not open for you the windows of heaven and pour out for you such blessing that there will not be room enough to receive it. ‘And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, so that he will not destroy the fruit of your ground, nor shall the vine fail to bear fruit for you in the field,’ says the LORD of hosts; ‘And all nations will call you blessed, for you will be a delightful land,’ says the LORD of hosts.” Malachi 3:8-12

“‘Cursed is the cheat who promises to give a fine ram from his flock but then sacrifices a defective one to the Lord. For I am a great king,’ says the LORD of Heaven’s Armies, ‘and my name is feared among the nations!’”

Malachi 1:14 **[NLT]**

2 Chronicles 31: ⁴ Moreover [Hezekiah] commanded the people who dwelt in Jerusalem to contribute support for the priests and the Levites, that they might devote themselves to the Law of the Lord. ⁵ As soon as the commandment was circulated, the children of Israel brought in abundance the **firstfruits** of grain and wine, oil and honey, and of all the produce of the field; and **they brought in abundantly the tithe of everything.**” ...

¹⁴ Kore the son of Imnah the Levite, the keeper of the East Gate, *was* over the **freewill offerings to God, to distribute the offerings** of the Lord and the most holy things. ¹⁵ And under him *were* Eden, Miniamin, Jeshua, Shemaiah, Amariah, and Shecaniah, *his* faithful assistants in the cities of the priests, to distribute allotments to their brethren by divisions, to the great as well as the small. ¹⁶ Besides those males from three years old and up who were written in the genealogy, they distributed to everyone (who entered the house of the Lord) his daily portion (for the work of his service), by his division.” ...

²⁰ Thus Hezekiah did throughout all Judah, and he did what *was* good and right and true before the LORD his God.

²¹ And in every work that he began in the service of the house of God, in the law and in the commandment, to seek his God, he did *it* with all his heart. So he prospered.” 2 Chronicles 31

PAYING OFF DEBT:

“Do not say to your neighbor, ‘Go, and come back, and tomorrow I will give it,’ when you have it with you.”

Proverbs 3:28

“You shall not cheat your neighbor, nor rob him. The wages of him who is hired shall not remain with you all night until morning.” Leviticus 19:13

“The rich rules over the poor, and the borrower is servant to the lender.” Proverbs 22:7

“Pain has come to the people like the pain of childbirth, but they are like a child who resists being born. The moment of birth has arrived, but they stay in the womb!” Hosea 13:13 **[NLT]**

“Farmers who wait for perfect weather never plant. If they watch every cloud, they never harvest.”

Ecclesiastes 11:4 **[NLT]**

FAITH IN MONEY OR FAITH IN GOD?

“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

“Those who love money will never have enough. How meaningless to think that wealth brings true happiness!”

Ecclesiastes 5:10 **[NLT]**

“Give me an eagerness for your laws rather than a love for money!” Psalm 119:36 **[NLT]**

“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]**

“Because you have trusted in your wealth and skill, you will be taken captive.” Jeremiah 48:7 **[NLT]**

“Teach those who are rich in this world not to be proud and not to trust in their money, which is so unreliable. Their trust should be in God, who richly gives us all we need for our enjoyment.” 1 Timothy 6:17 **[NLT]**

“Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, ‘How hard it is for the rich to enter the Kingdom [royal power] of God!’” Mark 10:23 **[NLT]**

“For the love of money is the root of all kinds of evil. And some people, craving money, have wandered from the true faith and pierced themselves with many sorrows.” 1 Timothy 6:10 **[NLT]**

“There is another serious problem I have seen under the sun. Hoarding riches harms the saver.” Ecclesiastes 5:13

“Then He said, ‘Beware! Guard against every kind of greed. Life is not measured by how much you own.’”

Luke 12:15 **[NLT]**

“But these people set an ambush for themselves; they are trying to get themselves killed. Such is the fate of all who are greedy for money; it robs them of life.” Proverbs 1:18-19 **[NLT]**

“Don’t wear yourself out trying to get rich. Be wise enough to know when to quit. In the blink of an eye wealth disappears, for it will sprout wings and fly away like an eagle.” Proverbs 23:4-5 **[NLT]**

“And if your wealth increases, don’t make it the center of your life.” Psalm 62:10B **[NLT]**

“For my people have done two evil things: They have abandoned me— the fountain of living water. And they have dug for themselves cracked cisterns that can hold no water at all!” Jeremiah 2:13

“but all too quickly the message [of faith] is crowded out by the worries of this life, the lure of wealth, and the desire for other things, so no fruit is produced.” Mark 4:19 **[NLT]**

WHAT IS MONEY FOR?

“Tell them to use their money to do good. They should be rich in good works and generous to those in need, always being ready to share with others. By doing this they will be storing up their treasure as a good foundation for the future so that they may experience true life.” 1 Timothy 6:18-19 **[NLT]**

“Yes, you will be enriched in every way so that you can always be generous. And when we take your gifts to those who need them, they will thank God.” 2 Corinthians 9:11 **[NLT]**

WHERE DOES WEALTH COME FROM?

“True humility and fear of the LORD lead to riches, honor, and long life.” Proverbs 22:4 **[NLT]**

"The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom" Psalm 111:10

“The wise have wealth and luxury, but fools spend whatever they get.” Proverbs 21:20 **[NLT]**

“The humble will see their God at work and be glad. Let all who seek God’s help be encouraged.” Psalm 69:32 **[NLT]**

“So then neither he who plants is anything, nor he who waters, but God who gives the increase.” 1 Corinthians 3:7

PROVISION IS FROM GOD, BUT WE’RE CALLED TO BE GOOD STEWARDS OF WHAT HE’S GIVEN US:

“**Be diligent** to know the state of your flocks, AND attend to your herds; **FOR riches are not forever**, nor does a crown *endure* to all generations.” Proverbs 27:23-24

“Those who love pleasure become poor; those who love wine and luxury will never be rich.” Proverbs 21:17 **[NLT]**

“But divide your investments among many places, for you do not know what risks might lie ahead.”

Ecclesiastes 11:2 **[NLT]**

DON’T WORRY ABOUT THE FUTURE, GOD IS OUR PROVIDER YESTERDAY, TODAY, AND TOMORROW:

¹³ Come now, you who say, “Today or tomorrow we will go to such and such a city, spend a year there, buy and sell, and make a profit”; ¹⁴ whereas you do not know what *will happen* tomorrow. For what *is* your life? It is even a vapor that appears for a little time and then vanishes away. ¹⁵ Instead you *ought* to say, “If the Lord wills, we shall live and do this or that.” ¹⁶ But now you boast in your arrogance. All such boasting is evil. ¹⁷ Therefore, to him who knows to do good and does not do *it*, to him it is sin.” James 4:13-17