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Bible Study

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“Lessons from the Lord about Money”

1 Timothy 6:17

“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.” (NLT)

I. Education about Money

Listed below is basic information believers should know regarding money.

1. Believers should know you can **Owe** _____ money.

2 Kings 4:1

“The wife of a man from the company of the prophets cried out to Elisha, “Your servant my husband is dead, and you know that he revered the Lord. But now his creditor is coming to take my two boys as his slaves.” (NIV)

2. Believers should know you can **Show** _____ money.

2 Kings 20:12-13

“Soon after this, Merodach-baladan son of Baladan, king of Babylon, sent Hezekiah his best wishes and a gift, for he had heard that Hezekiah had been very sick. 13) Hezekiah received the Babylonian envoys and showed them everything in his treasure-houses—the silver, the gold, the spices, and the aromatic oils. He also took them to see his armory and showed them everything in his royal treasuries! There was nothing in his palace or kingdom that Hezekiah did not show them.” (NLT)

3. Believers should know you can **Grow** _____ money.

Job 1:2-3

“He had seven sons and three daughters, 3) and he owned seven thousand sheep, three thousand camels, five hundred yoke of oxen and five hundred donkeys, and had a large number of servants. He was the greatest man among all the people of the East.” (NIV)

Job 42:12

12) “The Lord blessed the latter part of Job’s life more than the former part. He had fourteen thousand sheep, six thousand camels, a thousand yoke of oxen and a thousand donkeys.” (NIV)

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4. Believers should know you can **Blow** _____ money.

Matthew 25:18, 28

“But the servant who received the one bag of silver dug a hole in the ground and hid the master’s money. 28) “Then he ordered, ‘Take the money from this servant, and give it to the one with the ten bags of silver.” (NLT)

5. Believers should know you can **Sow** _____ money.

II Corinthians 9:6-7

“Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. 7) Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.” (NIV)

II. Utilization of Money

Listed below are various ways money was used in Bible days that still applies in the 21st Century.

1. Money was and still can be used for **Relational** _____ reasons.

Ruth 4:9-10

“Then Boaz said to the elders and to the crowd standing around, “You are witnesses that today I have bought from Naomi all the property of Elimelech, Kilion, and Mahlon. 10) And with the land I have acquired Ruth, the Moabite widow of Mahlon, to be my wife. This way she can have a son to carry on the family name of her dead husband and to inherit the family property here in his hometown. You are all witnesses today.”(NLT)

2. Money was and still can be used for **Constructional** _____ reasons.

1 Chronicles 29:2-3

“Using every resource at my command, I have gathered as much as I could for building the Temple of my God. Now there is enough gold, silver, bronze, iron, and wood, as well as great quantities of onyx, other precious stones, costly jewels, and all kinds of fine stone and marble. 3) “And now, because of my devotion to the Temple of my God, I am giving all of my own private treasures of gold and silver to help in the construction. This is in addition to the building materials I have already collected for his holy Temple.” (NLT)

3. Money was and still can be used for **Residential** _____ reasons.

2 Kings 4:8-10

“One day Elisha went to the town of Shunem. A wealthy woman lived there, and she urged him to come to her home for a meal. After that, whenever he passed that way, he would stop there for something to eat. 9) She said to her husband, “I am sure this man who stops in from time to time is a holy man of God. 10) Let’s build a small room for him on the roof and furnish it with a bed, a table, a chair, and a lamp. Then he will have a place to stay whenever he comes by.” (NLT)

4. Money was and still can be used for Personal reasons.
2 Kings 12:7
“So King Joash called for Jehoiada and the other priests and asked them, “Why haven’t you repaired the Temple? Don’t use any more money for your own needs. From now on, it must all be spent on Temple repairs.” (NLT)

5. Money was and still can be used for Acquisitional reasons.
Proverbs 31:16
“She goes to inspect a field and buys it; with her earnings she plants a vineyard.” (NLT)

6. Money was and still can be used for Occupational reasons.
Matthew 20:1-2
“For the Kingdom of Heaven is like the landowner who went out early one morning to hire workers for his vineyard. 2) He agreed to pay the normal daily wage and sent them out to work.” (NLT)

7. Money was and still can be used for Medical reasons.
Mark 5:25-26
“A woman in the crowd had suffered for twelve years with constant bleeding. 26) She had suffered a great deal from many doctors, and over the years she had spent everything she had to pay them, but she had gotten no better. In fact, she had gotten worse” (NLT)

8. Money was and still can be used for Spiritual reasons.
Mark 16:1
“Saturday evening, when the Sabbath ended, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome went out and purchased burial spices so they could anoint Jesus’ body.” (NLT)

9. Money was and still can be used for Ministerial reasons.
Luke 8:3
“Joanna, the wife of Cuza (the manager of Herod’s house); Susanna; and many others. These women used their own money to help Jesus and his apostles.” (NCV)

10. Money was and still can be used for Carnal reasons.
Acts 8:18-20
“When Simon saw that the Spirit was given at the laying on of the apostles’ hands, he offered them money 19) and said, “Give me also this ability so that everyone on whom I lay my hands may receive the Holy Spirit.” 20) Peter answered: “May your money perish with you, because you thought you could buy the gift of God with money!” (NIV)

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III. Documentation regarding Money

Please write down your answers to the questions below and be prepared to share your answers.

1. Using one answer from section 1, share the biggest lesson you have learned from that practice.

EXAMPLE: Owe Money – The biggest lesson I have learned is that it is easier to get in debt than out of debt.

2. Reviewing the answers from section II, list which three stand out for you and why?

3. List how this lesson will help you as it relates to your personal finances.

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