

What Did Jesus Say About Money?

Jesus had some things to say about money and its effect upon our lives.

- We are definitely rewarded for the deeds done in the body. In other words, we are only rewarded for those deeds accomplished while we are alive. While we are alive, true life does not consist in the abundance of material things. (Luke 12:15)
- Prosperity is much more than acquiring personal monetary wealth! Be sure that money doesn't have you, instead of you having it. (Luke 18:18-23, Matthew 19:21-22, Mark 12:41-44)
- Give according to your income, unless you prefer that God makes your income proportionate to your giving! There is such a thing as becoming rich toward God, as one refrains from being preoccupied with materialistic concerns. (Luke 12:21)
- Giving God what is His is a parallel duty to one's faithful payment of his taxes. (Matthew 22:21, Mark 12:13-17, Malachi 3:8)
- We should not make a public show of giving. By doing so, we may have already received the only recognition that we deserve. (Matthew 6:1-4)
- Life priorities are very important to understand. What is the most important thing for you to acquire? Is it the love of your family? How about serving your loved ones, your church and your neighbor? How about your good health and honorable character? You can't serve God if you are fascinated only by money. (Matthew 6:24-34, 19:21-22)
- God uses willing people in imaginative ways. In God's eyes giving even a cup of water can bring a reward. (Matthew 10:41)
- Everything we have belongs to God. We are allowed to be temporary stewards of His wealth. Embracing kingdom treasures requires a releasing attitude toward earthly resources. (Matthew 13:44-46)
- You are either laying up treasure in heaven or upon earth. Everything you have you will ultimately lose. Gaining earthly abundance is an unworthy goal if you forfeit spiritual priorities. (Matthew 16:26)
- The Dead Sea takes in and takes in, but it never gives anything out; hence it is stagnant. Stinginess is a characteristic of those who don't understand the extent of their forgiveness. The Sea of Galilee takes in but it also gives out; for this reason it is filled with life and its water is fresh. (Matthew 18:27, Luke 19:8-9)

- Putting the needs of others first will be rewarded. Sacrifice of self-interest for the kingdom will be compensated one hundred-fold. (Matthew 19:29-30, Luke 18:28-30)
- Talent is on loan from God. We did not deserve God's love and forgiveness. Possessions and talent are responsibilities entrusted to us. We are responsible to multiply those gifts and funds entrusted to us. (Matthew 25:14-30, Luke 19:11-27)
- God so loved the world that He gave His only Son. He gave His best. Are you giving your best? Are you sharing what you have with others? What you give will be bountifully multiplied back to you. (Luke 6:38)
- What we are is far more important than what we possess. A wise handling of people and money illustrates a spiritual sensitivity in God's kingdom rules of finance. (Luke 16:1-13)
- God never promised a reward for those who give away their money after they are dead and gone. To will your material goods to charity doesn't help you in your relationship to God. Wealth is not prohibited, but this admonition points to the compassionless lifestyle it can breed. (Luke 18:24-27, Luke 16:19-31)
- The size of the gift is not so important, rather the ability of the giver. Our giving is made great in the proportion it represents and by the cheerful and generous spirit which prompts it. (Mark 12:41-44, Luke 21:1-4)