

# Do Your Dollars Make Sense

## Part 3: God's Purpose for Money

### **WEALTH IS A TWO SIDED COIN:**

#### **1. Why Wealth Can Hinder God's Leadership in Our Life and in the World**

1 Timothy 6:5 NLT

These people always cause trouble. Their minds are corrupt, and they have turned their backs on the truth. To them, a show of godliness is just a way to become wealthy.

1 Timothy 6:6-10 NLT

Yet true godliness with contentment is itself great wealth. After all, we brought nothing with us when we came into the world, and we can't take anything with us when we leave it. So if we have enough food and clothing, let us be content. But people who long to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many foolish and harmful desires that plunge them into ruin and destruction. 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.

John 14:15 NLT

"If you love me, obey my commands."

1 Samuel 2:7 NLT

The LORD makes some poor and others rich; he brings some down and lifts others up.

1 Timothy 6:17-19 NIV

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. 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.

## **2. Building Wealth God's Way**

Deuteronomy 8:18 NIV

But remember the Lord your God, **for it is he who gives you the ability to produce wealth**, and so confirms his covenant, which he swore to your ancestors, as it is today.

### **TWO BIBLICAL WAYS TO BUILD WEALTH :**

#### **1. Work**

2 Thessalonians 3:10 NIV

For even when we were with you, we gave you this rule: "The one who is unwilling to work shall not eat."

#### **2. Investments**

Matthew 25:16 NIV

The man who had received five bags of gold went at once and put his money to work and **gained** five bags more

### **ADDITIONAL PRINCIPLES TO BUILDING WEALTH:**

#### **1. Act poor**

Proverbs 13:7 NLT

Some who are poor pretend to be rich;  
others who are rich pretend to be poor..

#### **2. Be deliberate**

Proverbs 13:11 NLT

Wealth from get-rich-quick schemes quickly disappears;  
wealth from hard work grows over time.

**Great formula for wealth** = Money + Time + Consistency // this is what builds wealth

### **3. Don't put all your eggs in one basket**

Ecclesiastes 11:2 NLT

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

### **4. Grow in what you know**

Proverbs 24:3-4 NIV

A house is built by wisdom  
and becomes strong through good sense.  
Through knowledge its rooms are filled  
with all sorts of precious riches and valuables.