



# THE MONEY SERIES

FAITH AND FINANCES

The background of the image is a close-up, slightly blurred view of several US dollar bills. The focus is on the texture and details of the paper, including the portrait of George Washington on the left, the Treasury seal, and various text elements like 'FEDERAL RESERVE NOTE' and 'LEGAL TENDER'. The bills are layered, creating a sense of depth.

# **MONEY MYTHS**

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# WHY IS MONEY SUCH A SENSITIVE SUBJECT?

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1. We care about money.
2. Money has led to hurt feelings.
3. Money has been viewed as something nasty.



**MYTHS ARE WHAT  
ENOUGH PEOPLE BELIEVE,  
BUT ARE NOT TRUE.**

**LEADING TO  
UNNECESSARY FEARS  
AND FALSE HOPE.**

MYTH #1



## **MONEY = HAPPINESS**

### **IF MONEY BUYS HAPPINESS:**

Why do the wealthiest cities in the world have the most miserable people in the world?

Why do the countries with the fastest growing economies also have the highest rates of anxiety and depression?

# INTERNAL WEALTH V. EXTERNAL WEALTH

(PROSPEROUS SOUL V. PROSPEROUS BUSINESS)



*“What good will it be for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul?”*

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**MATTHEW 16:26**



*"In your presence there is fullness of joy..."*

**PSALM 16:11**

*"A single day in your courts is better than a thousand anywhere else! I would rather be a gatekeeper in the house of my God than live the good life in the homes of the wicked."*

**PSALM 84:10**

# MYTH #2



## **MONEY = SELF-WORTH**

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*With a New Afterword*

BATTLE  
HYMN  
OF  THE  
TIGER  
MOTHER

This is a story about a mother, two daughters, and two dogs.

This was *supposed* to be a story of how Chinese parents are better at raising kids than Western ones.

But instead, it's about a bitter clash of cultures, a fleeting taste of glory, and how I was humbled by a thirteen-year-old.

AMY CHUA



# IDEAL PARENTING

1. Unconditional love
2. Called to dream and discipline

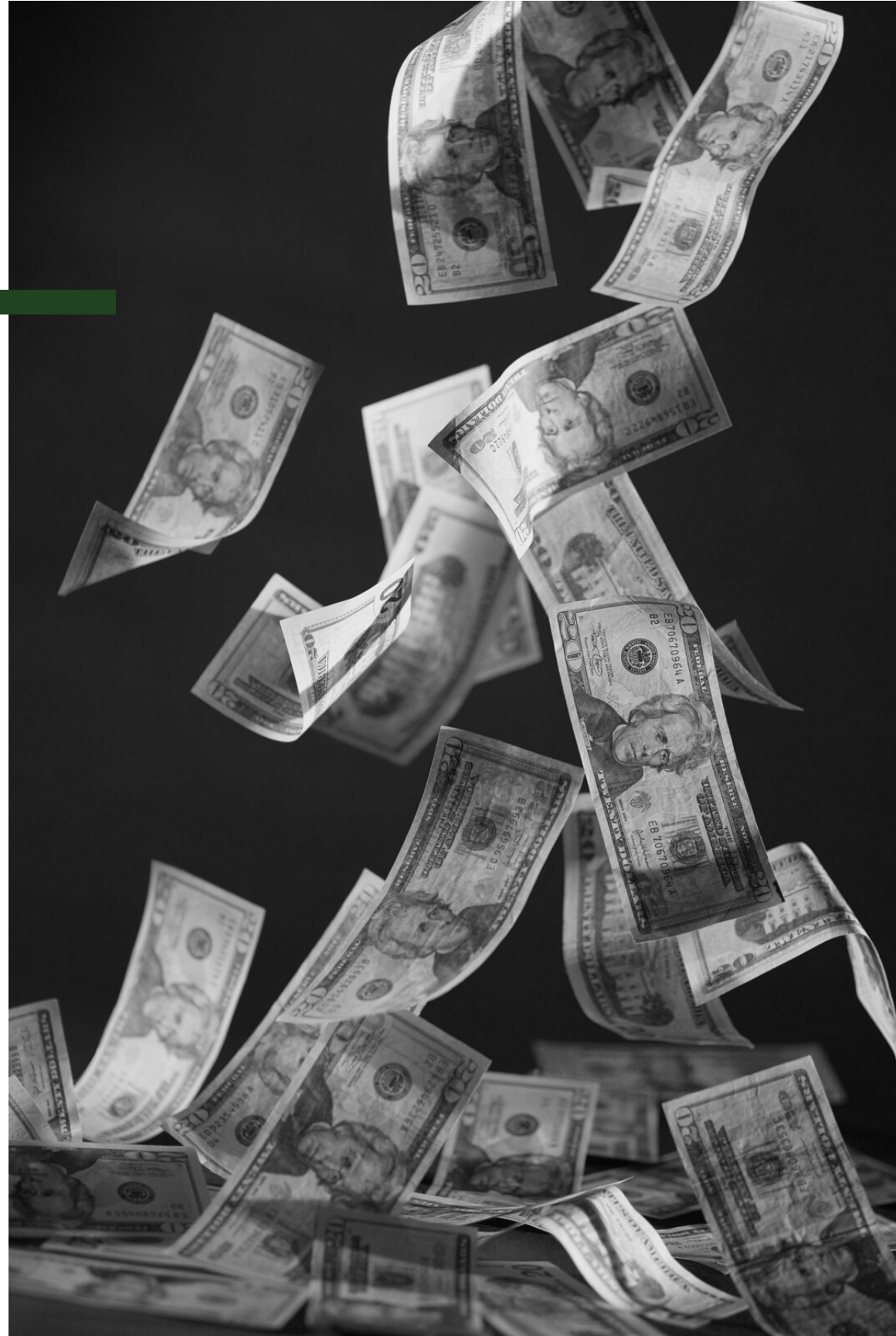
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**Grace**  
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*"But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace to me was not without effect. No, I worked harder than all of them—yet not I, but the grace of God that was with me."*

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**1 CORINTHIANS 15:10**

# MYTH #3



## **MONEY = EVIL**

*"For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil." – 1 Timothy 6:10*

**IF MONEY IS EVIL, WHY IS  
ABUNDANCE AND RICHES IN  
HEAVEN?**

# RESEARCH BY LISA A. KEISTER, PROFESSOR OF SOCIOLOGY

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Median net worth of Jewish people: \$150,890

Median net worth of other religions (liberal Christians) people: \$48,200

Median net worth of conversation Christians: \$26,200



## WHAT JEWS BELIEVE:

*“Jewish people view wealth as a blessing and look down on poverty because it cannot help anyone.”*

– H.W. Charles, The Money Code, p. 5

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## WHAT CHRISTIANS BELIEVE:

*“Many schools of Greek philosophy held a belief that all physical matter was flawed. Only that which was spirit could be perfect. Many concepts of Greek thinking were incorporated into Christian doctrine.”*

– HW Charles, The Money Code, p. 23

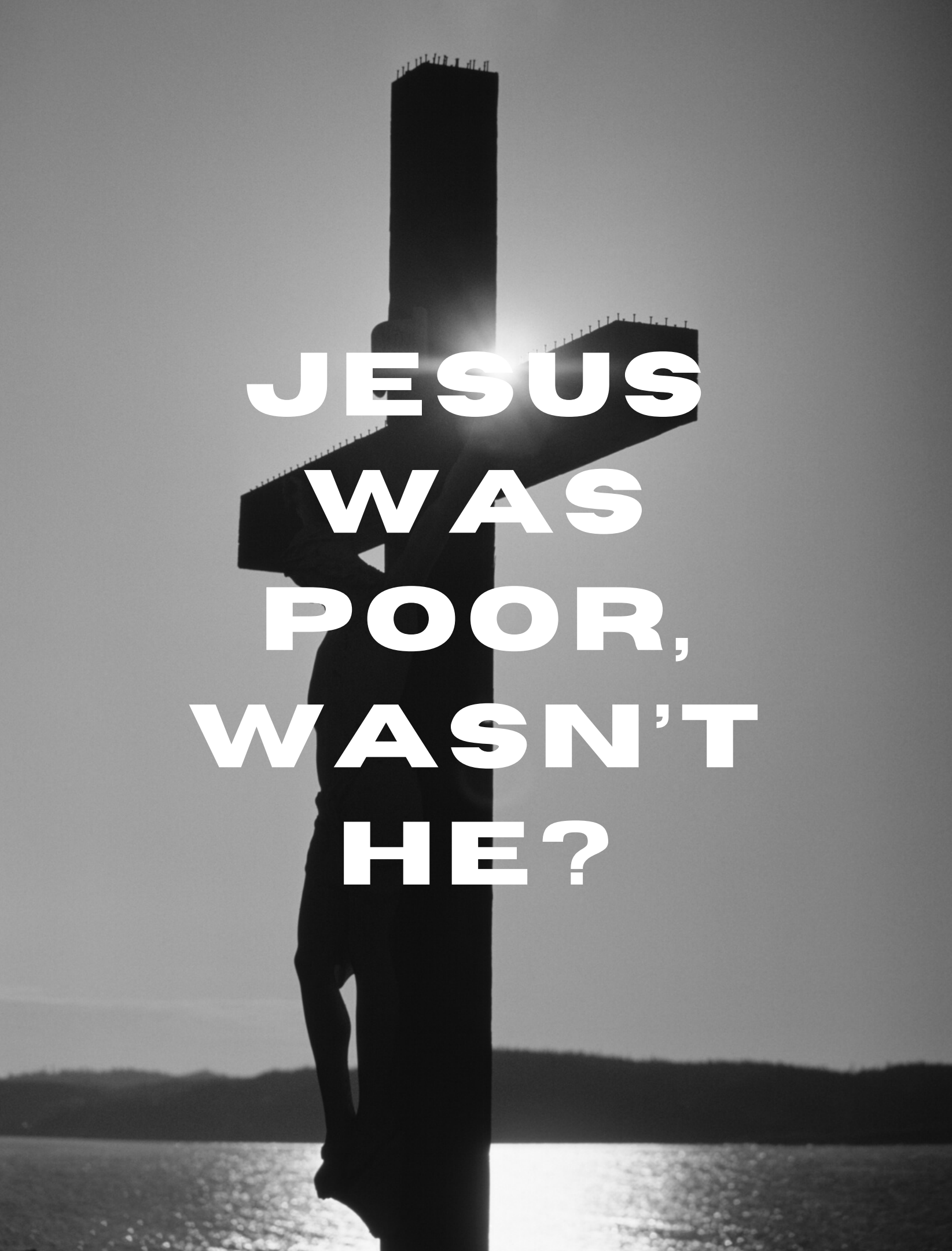
# DO WE MINIMIZE THE OLD TESTAMENT?

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*"A good person leaves an inheritance for  
their children's children"*

– Proverbs 13:22

How many of God's servants were  
materially blessed?

A silhouette of a person on a cross is centered in the right half of the image. The background shows a bright sky over a body of water with a distant shoreline. The text is overlaid on the cross.

**JESUS  
WAS  
POOR,  
WASN'T  
HE?**

**MONEY IS A  
REVEALER,  
NOT A  
CORRUPTOR.**

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*“For where your treasure is,  
there your heart will be  
also.”*

**LUKE 6:21**

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