

TAKE HOME SHEET



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Jesus addresses money a lot. He always did it in love to help us. He knew that all we have – talent, time, opportunity, influence, and treasure– comes from God. Followers of Christ are to be managers of these resources for God’s honor. Here is how it works:

¹⁰ If you are faithful in little things, you will be faithful in large ones. But if you are dishonest in little things, you won’t be honest with greater responsibilities. ¹¹ And if you are untrustworthy about worldly wealth, who will trust you with the true riches of heaven? ¹² And if you are not faithful with other people’s things, why should you be trusted with things of your own? ¹³ 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 God and be enslaved to money.

Luke 16:10–13 (NLT)

The Bible sees money as a valuable resource when viewed and used rightly. If not viewed well, there is serious danger ahead.

⁹ 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. ¹⁰ 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 6:9–10 (NLT)

Take some time and think about how your current money management reflects your beliefs and values.

Are you spending within your income or does your lifestyle exceed it? Do you know?

Are you deliberately saving for the future and emergencies? How much each pay period?

If you have credit debt, are you actively working to pay it down or just making minimum payments?

Are you regularly giving to support the church? What percentage of your income? If not, why?

What is a practical step you could take this week to honor God with how you manage your money?

BIBLE TRANSLATIONS:

NIV – New International Version

NLT – New Living Translation

TLB – The Living Bible

MESSAGE NOTES



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How I manage my time and abilities reflects where my faith is placed.

⁹ You have six days each week for your ordinary work, ¹⁰ but the seventh day is a Sabbath day of rest dedicated to the Lord your God...¹⁵ You must not steal...¹⁷ You must not covet your neighbor's house...or anything else that belongs to your neighbor.

Exodus 20:9–17 (NLT)

Some see work as a curse, some an addiction, but Believers see it as a calling.

²³ Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men, ²⁴ since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving.

Colossians 3:23–24 (NIV)

How I manage money reflects my spiritual health.

Wherever your treasure is, there the desires of your heart will also be.

Luke 12:34 (NLT)

A few guidelines:

Live within my means.

Those who love pleasure become poor...

Proverbs 21:17 (NLT)

Save for the future.

The wise man saves for the future, but the foolish man spends whatever he gets.

Proverbs 21:20 (TLB)

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

Proverbs 13:11 (NLT)

Give faithfully.

The purpose of tithing is to teach you always to put God first in your lives.

Deuteronomy 14:23 (TLB)

⁸ Should people cheat God? Yet you have cheated me! But you ask, 'What do you mean? When did we ever cheat you?' You have cheated me of the tithes and offerings due to me. ⁹ You are under a curse, for your whole nation has been cheating me. ¹⁰ Bring all the tithes into the storehouse so there will be enough food in my Temple. If you do, says the Lord of Heaven's Armies, I will open the windows of heaven for you. I will pour out a blessing so great you won't have enough room to take it in! Try it! Put me to the test!

Malachi 3:8–10 (NLT)