

Title: The Value of Money
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a: some fundamentals

1. it's all God's

Haggai 2:8

'The silver is Mine, and the gold is Mine,' says the LORD of hosts.

Psalms 24:1

The earth is the LORD'S, and all its fullness, the world and those who dwell therein.

2. money isn't evil

Deuteronomy 8:11-18

¹¹"Beware that you do not forget the LORD your God by not keeping His commandments, His judgments, and His statutes which I command you today, ¹²"lest — when you have eaten and are full, and have built beautiful houses and dwell in them; ¹³"and when your herds and your flocks multiply, and your silver and your gold are multiplied, and all that you have is multiplied; ¹⁴"when your heart is lifted up, and you forget the LORD your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage;

¹⁵"who led you through that great and terrible wilderness, in which were fiery serpents and scorpions and thirsty land where there was no water; who brought water for you out of the flinty rock; ¹⁶"who fed you in the wilderness with manna, which your fathers did not know, that He might humble you and that He might test you, to do you good in the end — ¹⁷"then you say in your heart, 'My power and the might of my hand have gained me this wealth.'

1 Timothy 6:10

For the **love** of money is a root of all kinds of evil, for which some have strayed from the faith in their greediness, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.

3. money doesn't corrupt

Luke 16:10

¹⁰"He who is faithful in what is least is faithful also in much; and he who is unjust in what is least is unjust also in much.

4. money is spiritual

1 Timothy 5:8

But if anyone does not provide for his own, and especially for those of his household, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.

Matthew 6:24

²⁴"No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon.

5. He is watching

Mark 12:41a (ESV)

And he sat down opposite the treasury and watched the people putting money into the offering box.

b: money directs your heart

Luke 12:22-34

²²Then He said to His disciples, "Therefore I say to you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat; nor about the body, what you will put on. ²³"Life is more than food, and the body is more than clothing. ²⁴"Consider the ravens, for they neither sow nor reap, which have neither storehouse nor barn; and God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds? ²⁵"And which of you by worrying can add one cubit to his stature? ²⁶"If you then are not able to do the least, why are you anxious for the rest?

²⁷"Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; and yet I say to you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. ²⁸"If then God so clothes the grass, which today is in the field and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will He clothe you, O you of little faith? ²⁹"And do not seek what you should eat or what you should drink, nor have an anxious mind.

³⁰"For all these things the nations of the world seek after, and your Father knows that you need these things.

³¹"But seek the kingdom of God, and all these things shall be added to you. ³²"Do not fear, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³"Sell what you have and give alms; provide yourselves money bags which do not grow old, a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches nor moth destroys. ³⁴"For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

money reveals your heart

Luke 16:10-11

¹⁰"He who is faithful in what is least is faithful also in much; and he who is unjust in what is least is unjust also in much. ¹¹"Therefore if you have not been faithful in the unrighteous mammon, how will you commit to your trust the true riches?"