

**Objective: to enable every believer to live experiencing the life of God, by what they do with money.**

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## **Your Bible & Your Wallet/Purse**

Luke 12:33; Luke 16:11; Prov. 17:16; Ps. 39:6

### **Introduction**

Many people, the world over, desire to have a 'good or blessed life.' Some have even discerned that non-material things are the best things a person can 'own.' However, if you have a clean conscience, you are free from guilt, you have peace in your marriage and family, you are blessed by loving friendships, you are close to Jesus and you have unity in the ministry and church you are a part of: you are truly living very well.

You may desire to move into an even greater level of 'abundant living' and somehow, do not understand, how to 'get there.' Understanding the vital **relationship** between all the great truths of the Bible and your 'wallet,' is key to opening a great door, to the increase of the 'blessed life.' More people today, in human history, have material or financial wealth and all the power that it brings.

However, they are quite often, controlled by the 'spirit of mammon' and subsequently, corrupted, destitute of moral values, empty of peace and fulfilment in themselves, and still looking for the key to life.... It seems, sometimes, to believers, that God has withheld financial blessings from them and given those financial resources to those who live selfishly and use their money for evil purposes. However, this is not the case. Satan, the ruler of this world, by virtue

of being the ruler of the system this world is operating on, uses wealth to accomplish his mission: to kill, to steal, and to destroy. John 10:10.

He will enable someone to amass great wealth to seduce others in various ways and then when he is finished with the one, he has prospered, he will destroy them. No one seems to notice or learn from this observable lesson. Rulers of countries have access to great wealth. They use their office for amassing great wealth for themselves and their friends and family. Then they die in shame and dishonour. What was all of their financially-enabled-pleasure all about?

### **The ‘Money Story’ from Genesis to Revelation**

Money is simply a ‘means of exchange.’ We use money to acquire something in this material world that we want or need. You don’t ‘eat’ money, but you give it to the merchant in exchange for food. You give money to someone to provide a service for you—to build a building, to clear some land, or some other task. *Money is connected to the material world.*

When you get to Heaven, no money is required as everything will be provided. The reminder of this truth is that the ‘streets are paved with gold.’ Rev. 21:18, 21. But money, on this earth is tied to ‘material or physical things.’ Man became wrongfully connected to the ‘material or physical world,’ in the Garden of Eden, when he chose food over obedience to God. He then became a slave to his own appetites and to *the kind of effort* necessary to ‘feed’ those unrestrained appetites and desires. He possessed every “thing,” before he sinned and he could *rest*, in that amazing provision. Now, his life was given over to ‘striving to obtain and sustain.’ He had **sold his soul** for some “thing”—food. Ecc. 2:8-11; Rev. 3:17, 18.

In the Garden, Jesus was **sold**, for 30 pieces of silver, by Judas. Mt. 26:14-16,25, 45-50; Mt. 27:3-10. We see, in the process of

Redemption, that same ‘betrayal for money or the material world,’ just as Adam did. The very word, “redemption,” means, “to buy back.” God “bought” us back, by love and sacrifice. God exchanged, what the Scribes and Pharisees called, ‘blood money,’ for the *real blood money* of His own blood (life), shed for our sins. 1 Pet. 1:18, 19.

In the last days, great judgments are poured out on those who use ‘money’ in exchange for life, selling their own souls, exploiting others, oppressing others and trafficking in the ‘souls of men,’ for their own gain, even as Satan does. James 5:3-5; Rev. 9:20,21; Rev. 18:8-19.

### **The Bible – Source of All Real Wealth, the True Riches**

The Bible describes the real ‘wealth’ of a redeemed, covenant believer. The *true riches*, revealed in the Bible, no matter how many times a person has read the Bible, remain outside of the grasp of the believer, until he gets a ‘revelation-key’ for unlocking those experiences and lifestyles. The Bible is a ‘locked book’ or ‘locked vault’ of blessed living. It is as Revelation 5:1-5 says, ‘a seven-sealed book,’ a treasure of life locked up, until the key is discovered and used. Where did this hidden, locked-away life begin, in human history?

In the Garden of Eden. Man chose ‘stuff’ over relationship with God. He became, in Adam, the first materialist, a ‘stuff or things’ worshipper and the ‘love of money’ or the ‘love of what money can produce’ was embedded into his character, lifestyle, nature, instinct, and habit. He comes out of the womb selfish, grabbing, and dedicated to getting. One of the first words a small child learns the meaning of is the word, ‘mine!’ He fits in well, by nature, into the world’s economic system that is based on material gain. He is educated, ‘to get’ and ‘to get as much as possible,’ by any means he can get away with. The ‘root of all evil’ is the **love of money**. 1 Tim. 6:10. Man became ‘locked out of life’ and ‘locked into sin, selfishness and greed’ when he sinned. He needed a revelation of the Redeemer, who could

reveal to him, what the 'key' was to get back to the true riches he had before he sinned.

- True riches – those items that are “eternal” – i.e. righteousness, peace, joy, faith. 2 Cor. 4:18-5:1; 1 Pet. 1:7. The 'true riches,' are what Adam and Eve had before sin—amazing relationship with God! In 'having Him,' they had Everything they could ever want or need awesomely!

True riches are not those things, that are temporal, that will melt with the fervent heat, of last-days cleansing of the Earth and the Heavens, by holy fire, coming from the One who is The Consuming Fire. Heb. 12:29; 2 Pet. 3:10, 12 NKJV. Man surrendered the true riches of righteousness, peace and joy for 'a bit of food' and in so doing, he became 'materialistic' or focused on the acquisition of the earthly, for himself. A love for stuff (of which money is a symbol, that represents the acquisition of all things) or a soul-possessing appetite for that which is earthly, temporal, and physical, was spawned in him, to pursue this even to death. 1 Tim. 6:10; Heb. 13:5; Luke 12:18-25.

It is the Bible, full of truth to be revealed and to be practised, is full of the 'treasures of Heaven,' that is the 'purse of Heaven,' for the believer. Until and unless, the believer has the Bible revealed to him and he practises what has been revealed, his earthly wallet has chosen to be his master. The 'root of all evil' is found in what we do with our wallet. We live without the life, found in the Bible, or we live with the life found in the Bible, based on what we do with our wallet. There is more fear, anger, worry, suicide, murder, oppression, depression, despair, anxiety and trouble over **money** on this earth than anything else. It spawns so many other evil things because it is '*the root.*'

Some believers are simply afraid to face up to this truth, because they fear they might have to take a different approach to the use of the money they have and receive. That inner reluctance is simply a revelation in itself how much they are in the 'grip of the love of money' in the own soul-life.

### **Your Wallet – One of the Keys to Unlocking the Bible & Its Divine Life Experience**

Luke 16:11. Every time you open your wallet or use your debit card, you 'open your heart.' Mt. 6:21 says, "Where your treasure (for example, "wallet") is, there will your heart be also." The three-headed-demon of this world, attacks you. Selfishness, greed and fear are the 'three-headed demon' that governs the world economic system. 1 Tim. 6:8-10; Rev. 18:1-24. In Mt. 26:14-16 we see that Satan prompted Judas to 'sell Jesus' for his own gain. Man has been seduced into selling his own soul, to the benefits of money, in the vain hope, that he will find 'redemption,' 'salvation,' and 'life.' A man's life does not consist of what he possesses but Who possesses him. Luke 12:15-20.

Lev. 2:14-16 while Israel was travelling through the Wilderness, where no crops could be planted and cultivated, God required them to give out of their possession, grain offerings...and it was then to be burnt.

- Your wallet holds a vital key to your Bible – Lk. 16:11 how you use money releases or locks up the 'true riches'
- Material things – grasping stuff more than God – garden of Eden 1 Tim. 6:10
- Suppose God wanted to put a lot into your wallet? What holds him back? I,e. suppose He wanted to heal you? What holds him back? i.e. Naaman

- Beware of the fact that the more money you receive, the more cautious you might become in giving, ceasing to be a generous giver...Ps. 62:10; 1 Tim. 6:10. Where did what you have, come from? There is more...where that came from to bless others and build His kingdom. The money, He has given, even through your work, has **purpose**...to provide for you and His Kingdom.
- Every time you get into your wallet, you get into your heart...
- Out of the heart comes....

### **Questions and Answers to Using the Key of Your Wallet**

1. Can I give too much? Mk. 21:22-42. The widow that Jesus commended, put all she had into the offering. She did this willingly. 2 Cor. 8:2-4. What do you have that is greater than yourself? In all your giving you are giving a portion of yourself (time, ability, work effort, business, breath, life). Rom. 12:1, 2. All that your body or mind can produce belongs to Him as 'reasonable service' to the One who gave His all for your very life...your eternal life. Abraham gave his only son. God the Father gave His only Son. Both were unimaginably rewarded for their giving. What can you give that is greater?

2. How do I determine the amount that I should give? The Bible tells us that there are two 'prompts' for New Covenant giving.

- Your own heart -- 2 Cor. 9:7,8
- What He tells you to give – Mt. 14:17, 18; Mt. 19:21-23; John 2:5.

3. Is there a minimum amount, I should give? Yes. More than a tithe, as that was the Old Testament standard and New Testament believers must go beyond the Old Testament standard, to qualify as mature, New Covenant believers...not operating on legalism, but on faith and love. Mt. 23:23 the Scribes and the Pharisees, were very, very devout concerning the law of tithing, but Jesus said to His disciples...your giving must go beyond the **legal** requirement, as it comes from the

**heart.** Mt. 5:20. In Mt. 7:34, 36 Jesus asked for their 'offering.' The sum total, of all they had, was, "seven loaves." He took it all. Sometimes God will ask for the "all" that you have, that He might meet a need and bless you with far more than you gave. He is no man's debtor.

4. What is the connection between 'giving' and 'sowing?' God **gave** His Son and His Son was/is, The Seed **sown**, in sacrifice, that provides salvation for the whole world. John 3:16; John 12:23, 24. In giving financially and sowing financially, we act like our Creator. He gives. James 1:17. He also sows, with the *intent of receiving a harvest, just as a farmer does*. Giving simply comes, out of love, obedience and the new nature, given to the believer, at new birth. Sowing financially is the means of blessing others and operating God's economic system. 2 Cor. 9:8-14.

5. Does 'using worldly wealth' taken from Luke 16:11 relate to other uses of 'money' besides sowing and giving? Yes, we are commanded to pay our taxes and all of our debts. Rom. 13:7,8; Mt. 22:17-21. Giving to other believers in their need and opening your heart and home and resources in hospitality. Rom. 12:13. By blessing the poor. Mt. 19:21; Luke 12:33; Acts 9:36; Acts 10:4; 24:17; Gal. 2:10.

6. How do I give from 'the heart?'

- Willingly, not out of duty, obligation, legalism, or fear or worry, that in giving, somehow, I will not 'have enough.' 2 Cor. 9:7.
- Cheerfully – glad to bless others and walk in the obedience that releases His *life into my life!* 2 Cor. 9:7
- Generously – 2 Cor. 9:6. God is a generous giver. We are to be generous givers. Generous means, "larger or more plentiful, than is usual or necessary or expected."

- By blessing those that persecute you. Matt. 5:39-48. If someone is evil toward you, ask God how you can bless them financially or in some other way. Pray and speak blessing on them as well.
- By faith – in the One who gave you, all that you have. Rom. 10:10; 2 Cor. 9:8-11; Rom. 14:23.

### **How Do I Get Back to Receiving His Life?**

- Repent of surrendering to fear, greed, and worry.
- Start today to do what He says – give to His work, give to your neighbour, give to the poor, give to other believers, give to your enemies, give to whomever He says...you will begin to live 'by faith' instead of fear, worry and greed...and the miracles of His provision will begin and increase as you grow in giving and increase in generosity. Don't wait, start today!
- Recognise the 'regular lies' you have been listening to and cast them down. 2 Cor. 10:3-5. Embrace the truth. 2 Cor. 9:8-11.