

A CHRISTIANS CORE VALUES #6 KEEP THE MONEY RIGHT

Matt. 6¹⁹ “Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal.²⁰ But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal.²¹ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

²⁴ “No one can serve two masters. Either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and Money.

³¹ So do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’³² For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them.

³³ But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

I. THE MONEY GOD

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A. The money god **demands things.**

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When money is our god we are consumed with having things.

B. The money god **detours one from “the faith” and takes them down the road of grief.**

1Tim. 6¹⁰ For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.

The money god is a jealous god. Those who worship him are drawn away from the true and living God. The money God puts a “hole in the heart” of one that was once “whole hearted”.

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C. The money god **destroys families.**

1. The money god destroys families through **debt.**

The typical U.S. household has 13 cards—including debit, retail and credit cards. For those carrying a balance, the average credit card debt outstanding is roughly \$13,000, and the average annual interest rate being paid on that debt is nearly 15 percent.

Obviously, those with 'bad' or 'sub-prime' credit pay much more—more like 20 percent to 25 percent. And that's assuming you never charge another dime!"

Lynnette Khalfani, *Zero Debt: The Ultimate Guide to Financial Freedom* (South Orange, NJ: Advantage World Press, 2004), 19-20.

Top 10 causes of debt

1. [Reduced income/same expenses.](#)
2. [Divorce.](#)
3. [Poor money management.](#)
4. [Underemployment.](#)
5. [Gambling.](#)
6. [Medical expenses.](#)
7. [Saving too little or not at all.](#)
8. [No money-communication skills.](#)
9. [Banking on a windfall.](#)

10. [Financial illiteracy.](#)

2. The money God destroys families with **bankruptcy**.
1.6 million American households seek bankruptcy protection each year.

3. The money God destroys families by **divorce**.
The number one cause for divorce in America today is financial problems.

Money, jobs, things, is more important than the relationship without things.

II. THE GOD OF HEAVEN

The God of heaven blesses us with the true treasure when we “get the money right”.

A. We honor God by **tithing** on our increase.
Mal. 3 10

B. We honor God by giving **alms** to the poor.
Pro. 19 ¹⁷ He that hath pity upon the poor lendeth unto the LORD; and that which he hath given will he pay him again. KJV

C. We honor God by giving to **missions**.
2 Co. 8 And now, brothers, we want you to know about the grace that God has given the Macedonian churches. ² Out of the most severe trial, their overflowing joy and their extreme poverty welled up in rich generosity. ³ For I testify that they gave as much as they were able, and even beyond their ability. Entirely on their own, ⁴ they urgently pleaded with us for the privilege of sharing in this service to the saints. ⁵ And they did not do as we expected, but they gave themselves first to the Lord and then to us in keeping with

God's will. ⁶ So we urged Titus, since he had earlier made a beginning, to bring also to completion this act of grace on your part. ⁷ But just as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in your love for us--see that you also excel in this grace of giving. NIV

D. We honor God by **seeking him first**

Matt. 6 ³³ But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. NIV

1. By seeking first His kingdom we get what money cannot buy.

Romans 14 ¹⁷ For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking, but of **righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit**, NIV

2. By seeking first His kingdom the necessities of life are added to us.

What “things” are added?

Matt. 6 ³¹ So do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’

- a. I am free from **worry!**
- b. I will have **food, drink and clothing**

Let's summarize **the benefits of keeping the money right:**

1. I have blessed Gods kingdom financially by tithing, giving alms, and giving to mission.
2. My faith remains strong -1Tim 6 10
3. My family is free from financial pressure
4. I have righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost.
5. I am free from worrying about necessities.
6. My treasure is safe in heaven because that is where my heart is. Matt. 6 19-21