

Financial Faithfulness: A Matter of the Heart

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

Matthew 6:21

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

Matthew 6:24

Warning: Greed

Then he said to them, "Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions.

Luke 12:15

Warning: It Can't be Trusted

Do not wear yourself out to get rich; do not trust your own cleverness. Cast but a glance at riches, and they are gone, for they will surely sprout wings and fly off to the sky like an eagle.

Proverbs 23:4-5

Instruction: Diligence

Go to the ant, you sluggard: consider his ways and be wise! It has no commander, no overseer or ruler, yet it stores its provisions in summer and gathers food at harvest.

Proverbs 6:6-8

Instruction: It's All a Gift

You may say to yourself, "My power and the strength of my hands have produced this wealth for me." But remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you the ability to produce wealth...

Deuteronomy 8:17-18

Instruction: Deal Justly

One who oppresses the poor to increase his wealth and one who gives gifts to the rich—both come to poverty...

Do not exploit the poor because they are poor and do not crush the needy in court, for the Lord will take up their case and will exact life for life.

Proverbs 22:16, 22-23

Instruction: Be Generous

Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

II Corinthians 9:6-7

Instruction: Be Cautious with Debt

The rich rule over the poor, and the borrower is slave to the lender.

Proverbs 22:7