



GOD IS CONCERNED WITH YOUR FINANCES

How many of you have heard that there are over 2,000 Bible verses about money?

I've heard it, too. In 2007, I wondered if there really were that many Bible verses about money and finances. You see this was of special interest to me as I had just started my career in financial planning. Being a Christian, I wanted to make sure that I was following God's wisdom in my work and not just man's. So I started my search to find a list of these 2,000+ Bible verses about money.

I tried searching Google. And I'm pretty good at finding stuff with Google, but I only found small lists here and there. I tried the library – still no luck. The closest thing I've found is Larry Burkett's book "The Word on Finances" which lists over 1,000 Scripture references that Mr. Burkett found. However, many of those references are only loosely related to personal finance and are not really speaking on that subject. It's a bit of a stretch in some places. I wanted to find something that listed all the verses about money, but I was more concerned with the Bible verses that specifically teach us how to handle our personal finances rather than just mentioning money.

Bible Verses On Money: Making My Own List

Since I couldn't find anything to confirm the claim about 2,000 Bible verses on money and since I have a strange sense of what's "fun", I decided to find the verses myself and make my own list. Using Nave's topical Bible, I chose every keyword that could possibly relate to personal finance.

Then, I combined those keywords into broad categories and looked up every Scripture reference under each of those keywords. As I found passages that showed God's teaching on personal finances, I listed the reference and wrote a short summary of what the verses say within their context. Finally, I organized all the verses into sub-categories and put the entire list of [Bible verses about money](#) online for free so everyone could access it.

I didn't find 2,000 verses. But I did find nearly 1,200 verses in about 430 different Scripture passages. I'm not claiming this is a complete list, but I tried to do the most thorough job I could. My goal was to see what God had to say about personal finances so I could filter what I had learned in school through His Word. Some of the verses I included might not make sense to you, but I did try to make sure I never stretched the meaning of passages to fit my purposes.

As I worked on this project, I found an amazingly clear and simple plan for a Christian's personal finances. ***It's not a step by step plan that tells you which bank to use, how to budget, how to get out of debt, what to invest in, or how to make more money.*** Rather, it's focused on the principles that will lead to a kind of financial success that glorifies God.

It's not the kind of success that the world aspires to. But it is the kind of success that will result in hearing the words we all want to hear when we come before God – "Well done, good and faithful servant!" I call it God's Provident Plan because it shows God's wisdom in carefully providing for our needs – both spiritual and material.

What Is God's Provident Plan?

So what exactly is God's Provident Plan? It's God's clear Biblical message that through **contentment in Christ, diligent work, and good stewardship** Christians can prosper so we can **give generously** in the name of Christ. By following the Provident Plan, Christians can glorify God through their finances.

It's not a plan focused on making Christians rich, or how we can retire early, or the things we can do to make us feel good about ourselves and our money. No – just like every other part of God's plans for Christians it brings glory to His name and strengthens the witness of Christ in the world.

If all Christians followed God's Provident Plan for their finances, we would radically change the Church and the world. And while it involves how we handle our money – ***it's all dependent and focused on the transformation that occurs when we fully give ourselves to Christ and realize the power of His death and resurrection and the life we have in Him.***

I'd like to share what I've discovered with you. So in my next four articles on Bible Money Matters, I'm going to tell you about God's Provident Plan and share the Biblical foundation for each aspect of it. Each of the aspects I'll talk about is a subject worthy of deeper study. There's much more to say on these topics than what I'll share with you in these four posts, but they will serve as a good overview of personal finance in the Bible. So be sure to join me next week and we'll take a closer look at each part of God's Provident Plan!