

# The Power Of God In My Finances

SERIES: "TAKE THIS LIFE AND LOVE IT"  
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## Key Verse

We know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him... -Romans 8:28a (NIV)

## 2 Common Misconceptions About Money & Possessions:

1. **First Misconception: Money is \_\_\_\_\_.**

For the love of money is the root of all evil... -1 Timothy 6:10a (KJV)

2. **Second Misconception: Money is the \_\_\_\_\_.**

Those who love money will never have enough. How absurd to think that wealth brings true happiness! The more you have, the more people come to help you spend it... -Ecl. 5:10 (NLT)

[see also Luke 12:15b (NIV); Mark 8:36 (KJV)]

## 4 Biblical Facts About Your Money and Possessions:

1. There are \_\_\_\_\_ verses in the Bible about money & possessions.
2. One out of every \_\_\_\_\_ in Matthew, Mark, and Luke is about material possessions.
3. Nearly \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus' parables are about possessions.
4. Jesus spoke more about money and how to use it than he did about \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ combined.

Bonus Fact: \_\_\_\_\_ of all divorces are the result of financial pressure.

## What the Bible says about God and your "stuff":

We must choose to TRUST God:

- T - Take a spiritual \_\_\_\_\_.
- R - Recognize God \_\_\_\_\_.
- U - Understand \_\_\_\_\_.
- S - Surrender \_\_\_\_\_.
- T - Test \_\_\_\_\_.

1. **I must take a spiritual life-inventory \_\_\_\_\_.**

Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting. -Psalms 139:23-24 (NIV)

2. **I must recognize that God is \_\_\_\_\_.**

But remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you the ability to produce wealth, and so confirms his covenant, which he swore to your forefathers, as it is today. -Deuteronomy 8:18 (NIV)

[see also Matthew 6:27-33, Colossians 1:15-20]

3. **I must understand God's \_\_\_\_\_.**

Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you. -Luke 6:38 (NIV)

4. **I must surrender everything \_\_\_\_\_.**

Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much. -Luke 16:10 (NIV)

[see also Romans 6:13b (TEV)]

5. **I must test \_\_\_\_\_.**

Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the LORD Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it. -Malachi 3:10 (NIV)

## SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Why do you think the Bible is so crammed full of teaching on money & possessions?
2. What key principal stood out to you and your family?
3. In what ways can you commit to following God's plans for your giving/tithing/support of your church's ministry?
4. Take time to pray for the needs of your group.

### ANSWER KEY:

Evil: Key to Happiness; 2,350; six verses; half; heaven; hell; 56%; life-inventory; as my source; God's principals; everything to God; God's Promises; with God; my source; financial principals; to God; God's promises

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