

How to Make Sense of Your Dollars

(why your net worth is related to your self-worth)
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“A pretentious, showy life is an empty life; a plain and simple life is a full life. The rich can be sued for everything they have, but the poor are free of such threats.” Prov 13:7-8 NIV

5 Truths About Money

Money is **amoral**.

“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.**” (1 Tim 6:10)

Money is **neutral**.

"Some rich people are poor, and some poor people have great wealth!" (Prov 13:7)

Money is **active**.

"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." (Prov 23:5)

Money is **dumb**.

"How much better to get wisdom than gold, **to choose understanding rather than silver!**" (Prov 16:16)

Money is **a revelation**.

You're deceived if you think money . . .

Makes your **life better**.

"Beware! Don't always be wishing for what you don't have. For real life and real living are not related to how rich we are." (Luke 12:15)

Makes you **happy**.

“Then he said, 'This is what I'll do. **I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones**, and there I will store all my grain and my goods.'” (Luke 12:18)

Makes you **independent and invincible**.

“For a man may do his work with wisdom, knowledge and skill, and then he must leave all he owns to someone who has not worked for it. This too is meaningless and a great misfortune.” (ECC 2:21 NIV)

Money is powerful . . .

When used as **a tool**.

"Then he said to them, 'Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; **a man's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions.**'” (Luke 12:15)

When used as **a resource**.

"One man gives freely, yet gains even more; another withholds unduly, but comes to poverty. **A generous man will prosper**; he who refreshes others will himself be refreshed." (Prov 11:24-25)

When used as **evidence**.

"Zacchaeus hurriedly climbed down and took Jesus to his house in great excitement and joy. But the crowds were displeased. 'He has gone to be **the guest of a notorious sinner,**' they grumbled. . . ." (Luke 19:6-9)