



FOOL PROOF

The crowds asked, “What should we do?” John replied, “If you have two shirts, give one to the poor. If you have food, share it with those who are hungry.” Even corrupt tax collectors came to be baptized and asked, “Teacher, what should we do?”

He replied, "Collect no more taxes than the government requires."
"What should we do?" asked some soldiers. John replied, "Don't
extort money or make false accusations. And be content with
your pay."

Luke 3:11-14



Money has the power to corrupt your integrity.

The Lord detests the use of dishonest scales, but he delights in accurate weights.

Proverbs 11:1

Money has the power to magnify self-absorption to the detriment of a community.

People curse those who hoard their grain, but they bless the one who sells in time of need.

Proverbs 11:26

Money has the power to distract you from what is really important

Wealth is worthless in the day of wrath, but righteousness delivers from death.

Proverbs 11:4

Money can make you arrogant

Give me neither poverty nor riches! Give me just enough to satisfy my needs. For if I grow rich, I may deny you and say, "Who is the Lord?" If I am too poor, I may steal and thus insult God's holy name.

Proverbs 30:8-9

“To see a man humble under prosperity is the greatest rarity in the world.”

Bernard of Clairveaux



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Your money can be an alternative to God

The wealth of the rich is their fortified city, but poverty is the ruin of the poor¹. The name of the Lord is a strong fortress; the godly run to him and are safe. The rich think of their wealth as a strong defense; they imagine it to be a high wall of safety².

Proverbs 10:15, Proverbs 18:1-11

Assume you are in denial

Unequal weights are an abomination to the LORD, and false scales are not good.

Proverbs 20:23

Grasp the scattering principle

There's one who scatters but increases more, and there's one who withholds more than his right, but it leads to poverty.

Proverbs 11:24

You know the generous grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. Though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that by his poverty he could make you rich.

2 Corinthians 8:9

