

Mark 4:18-19

18 Still others, like seed sown among thorns, hear the word; 19 but the worries of this life, the deceitfulness of wealth and the desires for other things come in and choke the word, making it unfruitful.

Concerns over money are frequent reasons why many men fail to achieve their spiritual potential. So what does the Bible teach about the subject of wealth?

1. Don't worry about money – *it is not yours*
2. Work hard at everything you do – *it honors your Lord*
3. Plan well --- *just don't place your trust in your plan*
4. Don't waste – *it is not yours*
5. Avoid debt like the plague – *borrow nothing on depreciating items*
6. Be honest with your God and your fellow man
7. Give generously – *God love cheerful givers and honors their faith*
8. Live simply but have some fun with your family to recharge your emotional batteries
9. Invest some money for the future support of you and your family – *start early and diversify*
10. Be content with what you have at the moment – *enjoy life now and be patient*
11. Trust God for both guidance and your necessities – *“for without faith it is impossible to please Him.” Heb. 11:6*

****Before making a purchase ask yourself, “Will this item or investment become a tool or an idol?”***

Luke 12:32-34

32 "Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom. 33 Sell your possessions and give to the poor. Provide purses for yourselves that will not wear out, a treasure in heaven that will not be exhausted, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. 34 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

