

JOHN WESLEY ON MONEY

“Gain all you can without either hurting yourself or your neighbor, in soul or body, by applying hereto with unintermitted diligence, and with all the understanding which God has given you. Save all you can, by cutting off every expense which serves only to indulge foolish desire, to gratify either the desire of the flesh, the desire of the eye, or the pride of life. Waste nothing, living or dying, on sin or folly, whether for yourself or your children. And then, give all you can, or in other words give all you have to God.”

“Much money does not imply much sense; neither does a good estate infer a good understanding.”

“You do not consider, money never stays with me; it would burn me if it did. I throw it out of my hands as soon as possible, lest it should find a way into my heart.”

“Who can gain money without in some measure losing grace!”

“And hear ye this, all you who have discovered the treasures which I am to leave behind me: if I leave behind me ten pounds (above my debts and the little arrears of my fellowship) you and all mankind bear witness against me that ‘I lived and died a thief and a robber.’”

“What is money to me? Dung and dross. I love it as I do the mire in the streets.”

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Prayers for Financial Wisdom



**“Where your treasure is,
there will your heart be also.”**
Matthew 28:6

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 God, I pray for your guidance and wisdom as I manage my finances. Psalm 25:4-5	2 God, help me to plan ahead and establish sensible goals for my future. Luke 12:7	3 God, help me reconsider my definition of success. Proverbs 30:8	4 God, guide my family to establish a budget and in it set a regular plan for giving. Luke 6:38	5 God, remind me that everything I have comes from you and that I am only a steward of your gifts. Proverbs 3:9-10
6 God, support my efforts to give ten percent or more of my income to the church. Genesis 14:20	7 God, teach me to distinguish between needs and wants and to spend my time and money accordingly. Hebrews 13:5	8 God, guide my efforts to plan for my future without hoarding for my future. Matthew 6:34	9 God, help me never make decisions motivated by fear and financial insecurity. Malachi 3:10	10 God, do not let me be fooled into thinking wealth brings happiness. Ecclesiastes 5:11	11 God, help me follow John Wesley's advice: make all I can, save all I can, and give all I can. 2 Corinthians 9:11	12 God, never allow me to gain money at the expense of others. Proverbs 10:2
13 God, teach me to be frugal and careful in my spending, even on the necessities. Philippians 4:19	14 God, inspire and enable business owners to pay employees a fair salary. Ecclesiastes 3:13	15 God, help me consider all options deeply and prayerfully before choosing to take on debt. Romans 13:8	16 God, enable my church to find a balance between money spent on our place of worship and money spent on mission. Malachi 3:10	17 God, help me to remember that when I fail to tithe, it is a spiritual problem, not a financial problem. Job 31:24-28	18 God, as I fulfill my pledge to the church, help me remember the gifts the church has given me and will give others. Exodus 36:3-5	19 God, remind me that how I spend money is a powerful indicator of my values. Matthew 6:21
20 God, may my spending and giving habits set a good example to my children. Psalm 41:1	21 God, thank you for the hands that put my monetary giving into action. Hebrews 6:10	22 God, remind me of all the people who grow the food I eat, sew the clothes I wear and deliver the products I consume. Ephesians 5:20	23 God, teach me to be satisfied and fulfilled by my life, regardless of my income. Isaiah 58:10	24 God, provide a way for those on limited budgets and fixed incomes to be comfortable and secure. Psalm 12:5	25 God, see past my excuses and lead me to be gracious and generous and giving. 1 Timothy 6:7	26 God, help me to realize that the only way to gain true financial security is by trusting in you. Proverbs 3:5-6
27 God, help me make meaningful career choices rather than frantically pursuing wealth. 1 Timothy 6:6	28 God, help me see the contrast between the barrage of ads and marketing with the silent poor and needy around me. 1 John 3:17	29 God, help me apply your principals of stewardship in every aspect of my life. Luke 21:3-4	30 God, teach us that tithing is not a painful chore, but is a very rewarding practice. Genesis 28:22	31 God, stop me from judging others based on my perception of their income, possessions, or wealth. Matthew 6:3		 www.igfp.org