



**Discovering God's Tools for Treasure Hunting  
March 26 & 27, 2022**

**How many treasure tools are there in the bible?**

**2000**

**How many of Jesus' 38 parables were about money?**

**16**

**How many verses in the New Testament deal with money?**

**1 out of every 10**

**Why does money get so much attention in the bible?**

**- Because money management and faith go hand in hand.**

**Matthew 6:24 (TPT)**

"How could you worship two gods at the same time? You will have to hate one and love the other, or be devoted to one and despise the other. You can't worship the true God while enslaved to the god of money!"

**God's Tools for Treasure Hunting:**

**Tool #1**

**Treat every dollar as if it belongs to God, because it does.**

**Psalms 24:1 (NLT)**

"The earth is the LORD's, and everything in it. The world and all its people belong to him."

**Job 41:11 (NLT)**

"Who has given me anything that I need to pay back? Everything under heaven is mine."

**Tool #2**

**Rearrange my financial priorities with Jesus at the top of the list.**

**Job 36:11 (NLT)**

"If they listen and obey God, they will be blessed with prosperity throughout their lives. All their years will be pleasant."

**Luke 12:33-34 (TPT)**

"Now, go and sell what you have and give to those in need; you will be making deposits in your account in heaven, an account that will never be taken from you. Your gifts will become a secure and unfailing treasure, deposited in heaven forever. Where you deposit your treasure, that is where you fix your thoughts—and your heart will long to be there also."

**Tool #3**

**Express my worship to God with the money I already have.**

**1 Samuel 2:7-8 (NLT)**

"The LORD makes some poor and others rich; he brings some down and lifts others up. He lifts the poor from the dust and the needy from the garbage dump. He sets them among princes, placing them in seats of honor. For all the earth is the LORD's, and he has set the world in order."

**Proverbs 3:9-10 (TPT)**

"Glorify God with all your wealth, honoring him with your firstfruits, with every increase that comes to you. Then every dimension of your life will overflow with blessings from an uncontainable source of inner joy!"

**Tool #4**

**Acquire contentment before adding to my material wealth.**

**1 Timothy 6:6-8 (NLT)**

"Yet true godliness with contentment is itself great wealth. After all, we brought nothing with us when we came into the world, and we can't take anything with us when we leave it. So if we have enough food and clothing, let us be content."

**Tool #5**

**Show a great work ethic to earn everything God graciously gives me.**

**Proverbs 19:15 (TPT)**

"Go ahead—be lazy and passive. But you'll go hungry if you live that way."

**Ecclesiastes 5:12,19 (NLT)**

"People who work hard sleep well, whether they eat little or much. But the rich seldom get a good night's sleep...And it is a good thing to receive wealth from God and the good health to enjoy it. To enjoy your work and accept your lot in life—this is indeed a gift from God."

**Tool #6**

**Uproot all forms of greed in my life.**

**Colossians 3:5 (NLT)**

"So put to death the sinful, earthly things lurking within you. Have nothing to do with sexual immorality, impurity, lust, and evil desires. Don't be greedy, for a greedy person is an idolater, worshiping the things of this world."

### **Proverbs 15:27 (NLT)**

“Greed brings grief to the whole family, but those who hate bribes will live.”

#### **Tool #7**

**Resist debt to the best of my ability.**

### **Proverbs 22:7 (TPT)**

“If you borrow money with interest, you’ll end up serving the interests of your creditors, for the rich rule over the poor.”

#### **3 Principles of borrowing:**

- **God doesn’t say never accumulate debt.**
- **God warns against long-term no-equity debt.**
- **God says debt is usually a poor decision.**

### **Romans 13:8 (TPT)**

“Don’t owe anything to anyone, except your outstanding debt to continually love one another, for the one who learns to love has fulfilled every requirement of the law.”

#### **Tool #8**

**Express my gratitude to God through crazy generosity.**

### **2 Corinthians 9:11-12 (NLT)**

“Yes, you will be enriched in every way so that you can always be generous. And when we take your gifts to those who need them, they will thank God. So two good things will result from this ministry of giving—the needs of the believers in Jerusalem will be met, and they will joyfully express their thanks to God.”

#### **Grateful Godly giving is:**

- **Sacrificial giving - Give what you need first.**
- **Strategic giving - Plan your giving with your family.**
- **Specific giving - Start with where you worship.**
- **Surrendered giving - No strings attached, no designation.**

### **2 Corinthians 8:9-12 (TPT)**

“For you have experienced the extravagant grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that although he was infinitely rich, he impoverished himself for our sake, so that by his poverty, we become rich beyond measure. So here are my thoughts concerning this matter, and it’s in your best interests. Since you made such a good start last year, both in the grace of giving and in your longing to give, you should finish what you started. You were so eager in your intentions to give, so go do it. Finish this act of worship according to your ability to give. For if the intention and desire are there, the size of the gift doesn’t matter. Your gift is fully acceptable to God according to what you have, not what you don’t have.”



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