

Scripture Reading

Luke 12:29–32 (NIV)

²⁹ And do not set your heart on what you will eat or drink; do not worry about it. ³⁰ For the pagan world runs after all such things, and your Father knows that you need them. ³¹ But seek his kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well. ³² “Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom.

Luke 12:13–15 (NIV)

¹³ Someone in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me.” ¹⁴ Jesus replied, “Man, who appointed me a judge or an arbiter between you?” ¹⁵ Then he said to them, “Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions.”

Luke 12:16–21 (NIV)

¹⁶ And he told them this parable: “The ground of a certain rich man yielded an abundant harvest. ¹⁷ He thought to himself, ‘What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops.’ ¹⁸ “Then he said, ‘This is what I’ll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store my surplus grain. ¹⁹ And I’ll say to myself, ‘You have plenty of grain laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry.’” ²⁰ “But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?’ ²¹ “This is how it will be with whoever stores up things for themselves but is not rich toward God.”

Matthew 6:24 (NKJV)

²⁴ "No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon.

1) Mammon is not just money

Matthew 6:24b (NKJV)

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Matthew 6:24b (NIV)

²⁴ ... You cannot serve both God and money.

2) Money is not evil

1 Timothy 6:10 (NIV)

¹⁰ 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.

3) How you handle your money reveals your heart

Matthew 6:19-21

19 “Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. 20 But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. 21 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

a) Get Out of Debt

Proverbs 22:7 (CEV)

⁷ The poor are ruled by the rich, and those who borrow are slaves of moneylenders.

b) Get on a spending plan (budget)

Luke 14:28-29 (NIV)

²⁸ "Suppose one of you wants to build a tower. Won't you first sit down and estimate the cost to see if you have enough money to complete it? ²⁹ For if you lay the foundation and are not able to finish it, everyone who sees it will ridicule you,

*“A budget tells your money where to go instead of wondering where it went.”—
John C. Maxwell*

c) Save

Proverbs 21:20 (NIV)

²⁰ In the house of the wise are stores of choice food and oil, but a foolish man devours all he has.

d) Give

2 Corinthians 9:7 (NIV)

⁷ Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

Luke 12:32 (NIV)

³² “Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom.