

“GOD’S GIFT OF MONEY”

What is money?

- Money, at its rudimentary level, is a tool that facilitates and simplifies commerce.
- Money is an agreed upon _____.
- It is the fundamental means God uses to bless _____
- _____
- Money is a gift from God: a tool for _____ and _____ God.

– IN OUR TEXT –

- The Bible teaches that those who _____
- _____
- Solomon confirms that we shall _____
- _____
- This biblical narrative insists that those with _____
- _____
- Without God’s gifts, life becomes meaningless, worthless, pointless, and purposeless.

RELEVANT QUESTION > “How to use God’s gift of money?”

- 1 – _____ Not Money.
- 2 – _____ Not For Money.
- 3 – _____ Not About Money.

1 – _____ NOT MONEY

v10 > *“He who loves silver will not be satisfied with silver ... This also is vanity.”*

- When money becomes the most important thing in our lives, money becomes a danger to us.
- As an idol, money is a terrible curse. Money will never deliver all that it promises, it always leaves us longing for more.
- Money as a master is one of the most unsatisfying of all possessions.
- Money removes some cares and worries, but _____
- _____
- Solomon argues that a person’s own love, or covetousness might keep him from _____ his possessions.
- A covetous person has to be constantly on guard to _____ his riches from the ever-growing number of people who would try to consume them.
- Whatever gets into the root system will eventually get into the plant: _____
- _____
- Like a plant with a bad root system, that plant will bring forth _____.
- _____
- _____
- Having money is a risk, for it can give a false sense of _____ and _____ on God.
- Money can create an excessive attachment to the world and to greed.

2 – _____ NOT FOR MONEY

v11 > *“When goods increase, They increase who eat them; So what profit have the owners, Except to see them with their eyes?”*

- There is no escaping the fact that we need _____ live in this world.
- We make money to live and do not live to make money.
- _____
- _____
- _____
- Living with money result from our gift of strength from God.
- Money disturbs one’s _____. The ordinary laborer sleeps _____ than the rich man does!
- Solomon says that possessing wealth is no guarantee that your nerves will be calm and your sleep sound.
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- _____
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- Unfortunately, Solomon has seen rich men loss their wealth living for money
- Regrettably, some have lost their wealth thru _____ ventures, unable to leave an inheritance to their _____ .
- Solomon asserts that it is God’s plan that we enjoy the fruit of our labor.
- Live with _____. Do not live for _____.

3 – _____ NOT ABOUT MONEY

v19 > *“God has given riches and wealth, and given him power to eat of it, to receive his heritage and rejoice in his labor—this is the gift of God.”*

- God’s gifts include our appetite, our health, our _____ , and our few days of life on earth.
- What faith in Christ does for the Christian, _____ does for the unbelievers.
- Do not _____ about the gift of money God has given you.
- As God blesses you, do not fail to bless God. Don’t rob God!
- _____
- _____
- _____
- Watch the lie. It’s okay to _____ money; don’t let it _____ you.
- Money gives us _____ and an opportunity to do great things for God right here at Ebenezer.
- With money also come great _____ and the need to remember that the proper use of “God’s Gift of Money.”
- In **v20** – Solomon closes that > *“... God keeps [us] busy with the joy of his heart.”*
- Therefore – Stop Robbing God.
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