

# MONEY

Will money make me happy? Should I tithe even when I'm a student? Is money bad? Will God always provide me enough money? Is it bad to be rich? Is poverty a sign that I am disobeying God? Is debt bad?  
**Is money my god?**

## What is money?

1. Root of all (kinds of) evil. (I Timothy 6:10)
2. Coined life
3. An efficient way to exchange food, shelter, clothing, etc.
4. A piece of paper... a hunk of metal... a few digits on a computer screen...

## What are some of the things the Bible says about money?

*Treasure in heaven vs. treasure on earth – Matthew 6:19-21*

*Cannot serve both God and money - Matthew 6:24*

*Seek first the kingdom of God – Matthew 6:31-33*

*Feeding 5K – Matthew 14:13-21, 15:32-39*

*Temple Tax – Matthew 17:24-27*

*Rich man going to heaven? – Matthew 19:23-24; Mark 10:24*

*Render unto Caesar what is Caesar's and unto God what is God's – Matthew 22:16-22*

*Parable of talents – Matthew 25:14-30*

*Giving to poor – Matthew 25:31-46*

*Great commission – Matthew 28:18-20*

*Gain world, lose soul – Mark 9:34-38*

*Widow's two mites – Mark 12:41-44*

*To whom much is given much is expected – Luke 12:48*

*Humbleness vs. legalism – Luke 18:10-14*

*Better to give than to receive – Acts 20:35*

## When do we put money ahead of Jesus Christ?

## What is tithing?

- a. Giving 10% of my gross income to God's organizations.
- b. Giving 10% of my net income to God's organizations.
- c. Giving 10% of my income and time to God.
- d. Giving whatever you feel like.
- e. Giving whatever God leads you to give.

## What does the Bible say about tithing?

- a. Leviticus 27:30 – Tithe initiated
- b. II Chronicles 31:5-9
- c. Nehemiah 10:35-39
- d. Matthew 23:23; Luke 11:42

## Questions to ask and answer yourself?

- a. What fraction of my life do I devote to acquiring money?
- b. Do I enjoy my job compared to the money I earn?
- c. Am I in school to be able to make more money eventually? Is school an investment?
- d. Are my career goals strongly influenced by the money I expect to make at the job I expect to get?
- e. Should I give and expect to receive?
- f. Will the prayer of Jabez make me rich? (I Chronicles 4:10)

## What are practical things that you I do to have the "right" attitude about money?