

Right Resources For Money

“Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment.”
(1 Timothy 6:17)

Beautiful is the Lord our God, who richly provides us with our needs; who had given us everything for our enjoyment. He had given us our lives, and he had given us good health, food, drinks, beds to sleep, and jobs to have income in order to have our good living. God also gave us His only begotten Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, ***“For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.”*** (John 3:16) Jesus came from heaven to show us the way to reach heaven and the right way to live our lives for God. Jesus is the way, and the truth and the life, and no one can come to God the Father except through Him. The Lord Jesus Christ died on the cross for our sins. He was buried but rose from the dead on the third day to give eternal life to those who believe in Him and follow His steps in their lives. Jesus directed us to live our lives to God and to serve Him. In ***Mathew 6: 24*** Jesus told us the following ***“No one can serve two masters. Either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and Money.”*** The Lord Jesus pointed out money as something people may serve and honor more than God. Now it is not wrong to have money and to be rich, but to love money and live your life to collect money and serve it this is what is wrong. The Word of God in the Bible teaches us the right ways and the wrong ways of gaining money. We need to know the truth in order for us to live it and to avoid the wrong ways of money collections that brings problems and troubles into our lives. The followings are the right ways of collecting money:

1- Hard work: God told to Adam the following: ***“Cursed is the ground because of you; through painful toil you will eat of it all the days of your life. It will produce thorns and thistles for you, and you will eat the plants of the field. By the sweat of your brow you will eat your food until you return to the ground, since from it you were taken.”*** (Genesis 3:17-19) Man will eat from the hard toil of his hands. We gain our money and income through hard working. But as we follow Christ and obey His Word, even we work hard we will have the joy. ***“For even when we were with you, we gave you this rule: “If a man will not work, he shall not eat.”*** (2 Thessalonians 3:10)

2- Saving: God always give us more because He wants us to save and keep the extra and not to waste. ***“Go to the ant, you sluggard; consider its ways and be wise! It has no commander, no overseer or ruler, yet it stores its provisions in summer and gathers its food at harvest.”*** (proverbs 6: 6-8) God uses the ant to teach us to save and to store the plenty that He gives us.

Again we can read what Jesus said after He had fed the crowd of 5000 men: ***“He said to His disciples, “Gather the pieces that are left over. Let nothing be wasted.”*** (John 6:12) Jesus does not want us to waste food, water, electricity, time and money. Let this be your principle: *‘The extra money that you receive today is God’s provision for you for the future, so save the extra.’*

3- Investment: Is to put your money in a project or certain work and out of it you will receive income. Let us read part of Jesus parable that tackles the issue of investing: ***“The man who had received the five talents brought the other five. ‘Master,’ he said, ‘you entrusted me with five talents. See, I have gained five more.’ His master replied, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master’s happiness!’*** (Mathew 25:20-21) Here in this parable Jesus spoke about the Master who entrusted to His servants’ amount of talents. They started certain work with it and they brought profit to the master, and this is the principle of investment. But biblical investment does not mean that you may loose the capital. If the capital of your money would be lost this type of investment is not from God. Some people or banks may ask you to put your money in an investment. If you get the agreement that your capital will be preserved then this will be a blessing from God. But if there is possibility of some loss from the capital don’t go ahead. Unless your capital is persevered don’t put money in any investment.

4- Interest: Another way to get some more money is to put your money in a bank as a deposit and receive certain percentage of interest. The Lord Jesus also recommended that, ***“Well then, you should have put my money on deposit with the bankers, so that when I returned I would have received it back with interest.”*** (Mathew 25:27)

5- Inheritance: We may receive money, estates and treasures from parents, ***“Houses and wealth are inherited from parents.”*** (Proverbs 19:14 a) And this is one of the ways that God would bless us. But we should not fight or have strife in order to get the inheritance. If your parents have put something on your name then this is from God, but if not do not quarrel with your brothers and sisters for the inheritance. ***“Someone in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me.” Jesus replied, “Man, who appointed me a judge or an arbiter between you?” Then he said to them, “Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; a man’s life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions.”*** (Luke 12:13-15) Jesus will bless you, no need to fight for an inheritance, just trust Him.

My Dear and Beloved: ***“But godliness with contentment is great gain.”*** (1 Timothy 6:6) Be content with what the Lord had given you. Trust Him and fix your eyes unto Him and He will bless you, ***“Those who look to Him are radiant; their faces are never covered with shame.”*** (Psalm 34:6) As you pray.

My Prayer: *Father God I come before you in the name of Jesus who died on the cross for my sins and rose from the dead to give me eternal life. Lord thank you for Your Word that teaches me the right way that I should live. Lord give me Wisdom, discernment and contentment to what I received from you, and teach me to be thankful. This is my prayer in Jesus name, Amen.*