

Why Work?

I Work to Give

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What is money?

- A medium of exchange
- Legal tender
- A measure of value
- A mirror of the heart

John D. Rockefeller once said the secret to his success was to save 10%, tithe 10% and live on the rest.

...and that you put on the new which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness.

—EPHESIANS 4:24

*Let him who stole steal no longer, but rather **let him labor**, working with his hands **what is good**, that he may **have something to give** him who has need.*

—EPHESIANS 4:28

Scripture:

- 272 times — to believe
- 371 times — to pray
- 714 times — to love
- 2,162 times — to give

I. Honest Earning

A little gained honestly is better than great wealth gotten by dishonest means. —PROVERBS 16:8 (LB)

Wealth gained by dishonesty will be diminished, but he who gathers by labor will increase. —PROVERBS 13:11

II. Careful Spending

The plans of the diligent lead surely to plenty, but those of everyone who is hasty, surely leads to poverty. —PROVERBS 21:5

Five things you need to know about your money:

1. What you earn
2. What you owe
3. What you own
4. What you give
5. Where it goes

The wise man saves for the future, but the foolish man spends whatever he gets. —PROVERBS 21:20

Why do you spend money for what is not bread, and your wages for what does not satisfy? Listen carefully to Me, and eat what is good, and let your soul delight itself in abundance. —ISAIAH 55:2

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Money can buy a bed but not sleep.
It can buy books but not brains.
It can buy finery but not beauty.
It can buy food but not an appetite.
It can buy medicine but not health.
It can buy luxuries but not character.
It can buy amusement but not happiness.
It can buy a house but not a home.
It can buy a crucifix but not a Savior.
It can buy a church pew but not heaven.

III. Faithful Giving

Giving...

Gives honor to God for His provision in your life.
PROVERBS 3:9-10

Increases your enjoyment of all you have and have received.
ACTS 20:35

Values the needs of people over your own indulgences.
JAMES 4:3; PROVERBS 19:17

Expects eternal dividends.
1 TIMOTHY 6:17-19

Formula:

Honest Earning + Careful Spending + Faith Giving =
Good Stewardship and Success



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