PROPER THINKING in REGARDS to MONEY
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Wrong Thinking when it comes to money:

1. We think it adds to our self-worth.
2. We think it will bring us satisfaction.
3. We see it is the solution to our problems.

Some Right Thinking when it comes to money

1. Money has never made anyone rich.
2. The best things in life are not things.
3. Having money can be a problem.

Problems with having Money

1. You may have to pay a ransom. Prov. 13:8
2. You may lose it.
3. You forget your need of God.

1. Don’t OVER state the value of Money

“…Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me.’ But He said to him, 'Man, who made Me a judge over you?’ And He said to them, ‘Take heed and beware of covetousness, for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of the things he possesses.’” Luke 12:13-15

2. Don’t become GREEDY for money, instead live a life of contentment.

“Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have, because God has said, Never will I leave you, never will I forsake you.” Heb. 13:5-6

Greed kills – to kill wolves hunters will place a knife covered in fresh blood in the snow. Wolves will begin to lick and as they do so they cut their tongues which begins to bleed – unknown to them, the blood they are now drinking is their own. The more they drink the more they want until finally they have bled to death.

In India they capture monkeys by putting rice in a jar with the lip of the jar just big enough for their hand to go in. The monkey will grab a hand full of rice. Pulling his hand back he finds that he cannot pull it out without releasing some on the rice. He will not release any. The hunters then come and take him away.

3. Don’t UNDER-State the value of money. We are to be RESPONSIBLE with money.

Money is to be managed carefully, correctly and consistently.

A budget is to tell you where your money goes, not where it went.

Keep track of your finances as a good steward (I Cor. 4:2)

4. Don’t lose your INTEGRITY to get and have money

“Better is the poor who walks in his integrity than one perverse in his ways though he is rich.” Prov. 28:6

“But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and harmful lusts which drown men in destruction and perdition. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, for which some have strayed from the faith in their greediness, and pierced them-selves through with many sorrows.” I Tim. 6:9-10
Value lessons on Money

Money is to be made honestly.
Do not steal. Ex. 20:15; Eph. 4:28
Do not deceive. See Matt. 23:14

5. Don’t TRUST money to be your SECURITY

“Command those who are rich in this present age…. not to trust uncertain riches but the living God, who gives us richly all things to enjoy.” I Tim. 6:17b

Someone has said:
You can buy medicine but not health.
You can buy a house but not a home.
You can buy companionship but not friendship.
You can buy entertainment but not happiness.
You can buy food but not an appetite.
You can buy bed but not sleep.
You can buy a crucifix, but not a Savior.
You can buy good life but not eternal life.

6. Don’t become PROUD if you have money.

“Command those who are rich in this present age not to be haughty.” I Tim. 6:17A

7. Don’t set the wrong PRIORITIES in an effort to get more money and lose what is important.

“He who is greedy for gain troubles his own house, But he who hates bribes will live.” Proverbs 15:27

“So are the ways of everyone who is greedy for gain. It takes away the life of its owner.” Proverbs 1:19

“Do not overwork to be rich; Because of your own understanding, cease. Will you set your eyes on that which is not? For riches certainly make themselves wings; They fly away like an eagle toward heaven.” Proverbs 23:4-5

What can a person lose as they pursue money?
Their Family
Their Faith
Their Health which includes their life.
8. Don’t sacrifice the ETERNAL for temporal gain.

“But God said to him, ‘Fool! This night your soul will be required of you; then whose will those things be which you have provided’” Luke 12:20

“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.” Matthew 6:24

9. Don’t ROB God and YOURSELF by not giving back to God.

I was caught off guard one day with one of my children. We had stopped at McDonald’s for a meal. I bought a happy meal and I only got a hamburger. As we were eating I asked – I asked for some french fries. I was told no – you can’t have any. Surprised, I asked again. Again I was told no and a hand moved to cover the fries. Now I was upset. I said, let me have a couple of your french fries - No they are mine came the response. Now who do you suppose bought those fries? How long do you think their little hand would have kept me from taken a french fry or for that matter the whole container.
I had a thought that day about my child - I thought they were selfish.

I wonder if God thinks that about His children?

“There is one who scatters, yet increases more; and there is one who withholds more than is right, but it leads to poverty.” Proverbs 11:24

“Honor the LORD with your possessions, and with the firstfruits of all your increase; so your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will overflow with new wine.” Pr. 3:9-10

“Give, and it will be given to you: good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over will be put into your bosom. For with the same measure that you use, it will be measured back to you.” Luke 6:38

10. Don’t be STINGY with your money, but generous.

“He who has pity on the poor lends to the LORD, and He will pay back what he has given.” Proverbs 19:17

◇ We make a living by what get. We make a life by what we give.

“He who has a generous eye will be blessed, for he gives his bread to the poor.” Prov. 22:9

See Eph. 4:28 again

“It is more blessed to give than to receive” Jesus Acts 20:35

◇ “Honor has always been reserved for those who give.”

How tight are you with your money? Mr. Scrooge?

11. Don’t WASTE what God has blessed you with.

“....the younger son gathered all together and journeyed to a far country and there wasted his possessions with prodigal living.” Luke 15:13

◇ “A fool and his money is soon parted.”

12. Don’t forget, you CAN’T take it with you when you die.

“For we brought nothing into this world and it is certain we can carry nothing out.” I Timothy 6:7

◇ There are no u-hauls hooked to hearses.