

How Much Money is Enough?

“...what is the advantage of wealth?” Ecclesiastes 5:11 (LB)

What We Think Money Will Bring

1. We Think Money Will Bring More Satisfaction

“You will never be satisfied if you long to be rich. You will never get all you want...”
Ecclesiastes 5:10 (GN)

2. We Think Money Will Bring More Significance

“A man’s true life is not made up of the things he owns, no matter how rich he may be...” Luke
12:15 (GN)

3. We Think Money Will Bring More Security

“Your money can be gone in a flash, as if it had grown wings and flown away like an eagle...”
Proverbs 23:5 (GN)

What Money Really Brings

1. More Money Brings More Expenses

“The more money you have, the more you spend, right up to the limits of your income...”
Ecclesiastes 5:11 (LB)

2. More Money Brings More Worries

“Workers may or may not have enough to eat, but at least they can get a good night’s sleep. The rich, however, have so much that they stay awake worrying.” Ecclesiastes 5:12 (GN)

3. More Money Brings More Pain

“...savings are put into risky investments that turn sour, and soon there’s nothing left... The rest of his life he’s under a cloud—gloomy, discouraged, frustrated, and angry.” Ecclesiastes 5:13-17 (LB)

What God Wants Me To Do With My Money

1. God Wants Me To Be Grateful For What I Have

“If God gives us wealth and property and lets us enjoy them, we should be grateful and enjoy what we have worked for. It is a gift from God.” Ecclesiastes 5:19 (GN)

2. God Wants Me To Enjoy What I Have

“Enjoy prosperity whenever you can, and when hard times strike, realize that God gives one as well as the other—so everyone will realize that nothing is certain in this life...” Ecclesiastes 7:14 (LB)

“It is better to be satisfied with what you have than to be always wanting something else...” Ecclesiastes 6:9 (NIV)

3. God Wants Me To Be Generous With What I Have

“Give generously, for your gifts will return to you later...” Ecclesiastes 11:1 (LB)

“Tell those who are rich...not to trust in their money which will soon be gone. Tell them to use their money to do good ... to give happily to those in need, always being ready to share with others whatever God has given them. By doing this they will be storing up real treasure for themselves in heaven—it is the only safe investment for eternity!” 1 Timothy 6:17-19 (LB)

“Store up riches for yourselves in heaven... For your heart will always be where your riches are.” Matthew 6:20-21 (GN)