

Economis Mini-Lesson: Budgeting 1 (Grades 5-8)

APPENDIX 2: Biblical Verses on Money

1. Some General Principles

- **Psalm 24: 1**

The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it.
The world and all its people belong to him.

The first thing to realize is that God owns everything, and he just lets us use it for a time.

- **Luke 16:10-11**

Unless you are faithful in small matters, you won't be faithful in large ones. If you cheat even a little, you won't be honest with greater responsibilities. [11] And if you are untrustworthy about worldly wealth, who will trust you with the true riches of heaven?

Our use of money should be based on what God wants us to do with it. In the context of the passage it is helping other people with our money and helping them have eternal life. By handling money well here, we will be rewarded with responsibility over really important things in the world to come.

- **Proverbs 23: 4-5**

Don't weary yourself trying to get rich. Why waste your time? [5] For riches can disappear as though they had the wings of a bird!

2. Giving to the Church

- **Galatians 6:6**

Those who are taught the word of God should help their teachers by paying them.

- **2 Corinthians 9:7**

You must each make up your own mind as to how much you should give. Don't give reluctantly or in response to pressure. For God loves the person who gives cheerfully.

3. Giving to the Poor

- **1 John 3:16-18**

We know what real love is because Christ gave up his life for us. And so we also ought to give up our lives for our Christian brothers and sisters. [17] But if anyone has enough money to live well and sees a brother or sister in need and refuses to help – how can God's love be in that person?

[18] Dear children, let us stop just saying we love each other; let us really show it by our actions.

- **Proverbs 14:21**

It is sin to despise one's neighbors; blessed are those who help the poor.

- **Proverbs 19:17**

If you help the poor, you are lending to the Lord – and he will repay you!

- **Proverbs 21:13**

Those who shut their ears to the cries of the poor will be ignored in their own time of need.

4. *Saving*

- **Proverbs 13:22**

A good man leaves an inheritance for his children's children, but a sinner's wealth is stored up for the righteous.

- **Proverbs 6:6-8**

Go to the ant, you sluggard; consider its ways and be wise! It has no commander, no overseer or ruler, yet it stores its food at harvest.