

Jesus & Money – What Did Jesus Say



Synopsis: Jesus talked about money a lot. But why? Then as now, money mattered, it made a difference. Salvation, sacrifice, the Holy Spirit, how to follow Christ, these are all heavy and heady concepts. Jesus as a teacher used a concept that people understand to explain concepts they may have had issues with.

Biblical References (ESV, English Standard Version is used)

Verse	Text
Mat 6:24	No one can serve two masters, for 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 God and money.
Luke 12:13-15	Someone in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me.” But he said to him, “Man, who made me a judge or arbitrator over you?” And he said to them, “Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions.”
Luke 16:10-11	One who is faithful in a very little is also faithful in much, and one who is dishonest in a very little is also dishonest in much. If then you have not been faithful in the unrighteous wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches?
Mat 6:25	Therefore, I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing?

Questions for Discussion or Journaling

The following questions are perfect for a group discussion. If working individually, these questions are great for journal.

1. Do you think Jesus was right to use money to explain difficult concepts? What other concepts could he have used?
2. How can you tell if someone primarily serves God or money?

3. If you had the opportunity to speak to Jesus live and in person what would you ask him about?
4. Have you seen this principle of being faithful with little before being given very much play out in your own life or in the lives of those around you?
5. We tend to worry about food, clothing, work and money in general. What can you do to worry less about these things that the Lord knows you need?