

1. Money

Principle – Money is a necessary part of a balanced Christian life – but it is to be a servant not the master.

Key Scripture:

Matthew 6:24 No one can serve two masters. 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 both **God and Money**.

Luke 18:24 "How hard it is **for** the **rich** to enter the kingdom of God!

Matthew 6:21 For where your **treasure is**, there your heart will be also.

Matthew 12:34 For the **mouth speaks** out of that which fills the heart.

Comment

Scripture is clear about one of the world's greatest temptations – we cannot serve God at the same time as we put the pursuit of money / wealth first in our life. It is a clear choice.

Application in daily life??

- ◆ Teach our children that earning money has a place in life but this is not to come before the other things that God has asked us to make a higher priority (like meeting together?)
- ◆ Parents can use pocket money to help develop good giving, spending and saving habits (build in the OT principle of giving God the first fruit – ie tithe or offering)
- ◆ If someone constantly talks about money, wealth, financial gain, “getting ahead” etc, it suggests that their heart is given to these things rather than matters of the Kingdom.

What is your example: – do our words and actions demonstrate a “Kingdom” attitude to the accumulation of money and wealth!