#### Psalm 24:1-2

1 The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it; 2 for he founded it on the seas and established it on the waters.

### Luke 16:13

13 "No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money."

### Deuteronomy 8:17-18

17 Beware lest you say in your heart, 'My power and the might of my hand have gotten me this wealth.' 18 You shall remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your fathers, as it is this day.

#### Hebrews 13:5

5 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."

# I Timothy 6:6-10

6 But godliness with contentment is great gain. 7 For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. 8 But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that. 9 Those who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. 10 For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.

#### Matthew 6:21

21 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Sixteen out of 38 of Christ's parables deal with money; more is said in the New Testament about money than heaven and hell combined; five times more is said about money than prayer; and while there are 500 plus verses on both prayer and faith, there are over 2000 verses dealing with money and possessions."

John MacArthur, Jr.

It was Martin Luther who said, "There are three conversions a person needs to experience: The conversion of the head, the conversion of the heart, and the conversion of the pocketbook."

- 1. There is a connection between our spiritual lives and how we think about and handle money. In other words, the heart of the matter is a matter of the heart.
- 2. The world teaches money is ours- made by us, and used for our fulfillment, comfort luxury, status, and security
- 3. The Word teaches that everything we have comes from God. We are just temporary managers of what God has placed in our hands.
- 4. God sees and cares what we do with the assets he has given us to manage, and one day we will have to give an accounting of our earning, spending, investing, and giving decisions.
- 5. God promised to meet our needs. So, don't run after, or put your hope in stuff/things. Someday they will all be gone
- 6. A good life is a generous life. Every believer should be giving a portion of his or her finances to the Lord on a regular basis. Not to bring attention to oneself, or for impressing others, but to fund Kingdom work
- 7. God expects generous giving no matter your economic status. God is more interested in the attitude of the giver than in the amount given. Cheerful and sacrificial giving pleases God.

# **Money Is a Testimony**

Our wallets tell a more honest story than our words. Stewardship may be the one spiritual discipline that can't be faked — just check your bank statements.