

Truth and Lies About Money

The Bible talks a lot about the need for us to have right thinking because we tend to delude ourselves - we tend to believe things that are not true. We need to name our false narratives/ lies and replace them with God's truth.

Below are three big categories of lies that we often believe about money and finances. When we believe these lies they hold us captive and stunt our growth in Jesus. But when we grab hold of God's truth, then we experience freedom and power to grow in wisdom and generosity.

[1] Lies about Control and Provision

"All I have is mine, I deserve it"

"I earned this so I get to use it how I want"

"I provide for me and mine"

Psalm 24:1 - The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it.

Deuteronomy 8:16-18 - He gave you manna to eat in the wilderness, something your ancestors had never known, to humble and test you so that in the end it might go well with you. You may say to yourself, "My power and the strength of my hands have produced this wealth for me." But remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you the ability to produce wealth, and so confirms his covenant, which he swore to your ancestors, as it is today.

[2] Lies about Identity and the Good Life

"The more money I have the more valuable I am"

"Money gives me security"

"Happiness is directly connected to money and possessions"

Psalm 91:2 - I will say of the Lord, "He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust."

Matthew 6:26 - Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they?

[3] Lies about Scarcity and Lack

“I will give and be generous when I have more”

“Giving is what people with more money than me can do”

“Because I can’t give much, I shouldn’t give at all”

2 Corinthians 9:6-8 - Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.

Mark 12:41-44 - Jesus sat down opposite the place where the offerings were put and watched the crowd putting their money into the temple treasury. Many rich people threw in large amounts. But a poor widow came and put in two very small copper coins, worth only a few cents.

Calling his disciples to him, Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put more into the treasury than all the others. They all gave out of their wealth; but she, out of her poverty, put in everything—all she had to live on.”