How many times can you find these words in this week's Bible Study?

God

money

possessions

Word

principles

understand

work

need (s)

content (ment)

everything

DAILY BIBLE STUDIES

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"WHOSE MONEY IS IT ANYWAY?"



SELECTED SCRIPTURE

SUNDAY

This week we will learn about what God's Word teaches us about wealth and possessions and how we are to be stewards of what God has given to us. This is a very important topic for us to understand and we need to listen to what God says about it.

Read: Matthew 6:19-21 -What principles in these verses can I apply to my life today?

Prayer Starter: Dear Lord, Teach me how to be a good steward of what You have given me.

MONDAY

We need to understand that money is not evil, but how and where you spend your money tells a lot about the moral direction of your life. God does not give everyone the some amount of money and material possessions, but in Acts we learn that all of us are to use our money to help those of our brothers and sisters in the Lord who are in need.

Read: Acts 2:44-45 -What principles in these verses can I apply to my life today?

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Prayer Starter: Dear Jesus, Help me to be concerned for the needs of others.

TUESDAY

We need to realize that the money and things we possess are NOT really ours anyway, but are God's. God owns EVERYTHING! He is the One who decides how much we will or will not have. We need to have the right attitude about our possessions

Read: 1 Corinthians 4:7 & Deuteronomy 8:18 -

What principles in these verses can I apply to my life today?

Prayer Starter: Dear God, I thank You for what You have given me and my family.

WEDNESDAY

We understand that our wealth and possessions come from God, but His Word also teaches us that we need to work hard for our money. **2 Thessalonians 3:10** tells us that those who don't work should not eat. We should never blame God for a lack of means when it is a result of our own laziness.

Read: Job 28:1-11 & Proverbs 10:4-5, 6:6-11 -What principles in these verses can I apply to my life today?

Prayer Starter: Dear Jesus, Help me to be a diligent worker and be happy with what You choose to give me.

THURSDAY

Even though the Bible teaches to work hard for our money, it also teaches us that we are not to work so hard for possessions that we neglect God, His Word, and His family. This is what we call "materialism." It is very easy for our sinful hearts to become greedy and covetous. Jesus taught us a parable about this in the book of Luke.

Read: Luke 12:13-21 -What principles in these verses can I apply to my life today?

Prayer Starter: Dear God, Help me to focus on heavenly riches instead of earthly ones.

FRIDAY

The opposite attitude to greed and covetousness is contentment. This means that we understand that God owns everything and we are to place our trust in Him--not possessions. God will supply all our needs. A content man thanks God for His gifts and then invests them back into His kingdom

Read: Proverbs 30:8-9, 1 Timothy 6:6-8 & Hebrews 13:5 -What principles in these verses can I apply to my life today?

Prayer Starter: Dear Jesus, Help me to be content, thankful, and satisfied with what You've given me.

SATURDAY

God's Word has a lot to say about money and possessions because it affects all areas of our lives. We need to remember that it is God's money, not ours. We need to use for His purposes. You will either serve God or gold.

Read: Job 31:24-28 & Proverbs 11:28 -What principles in these verses can I apply to my life today?

Prayer Starter: Dear Jesus, Show me if there is anything that I love more than You.

memory verse

"Whoever trusts in his riches will fall, but the righteous will thrive like a green leaf."

Proverbs 11:28