

Scryptogram: Did you know that being a good steward of our possessions is an excellent testimony of Jesus Christ. Solve this puzzle to find out how. Each letter in the passage is replaced with another. Solve the code and discover the verse(s). Hint: 1 Thessalonians

YQS GRYG CPV MGVSC GP KB NVTBG,

YQS GP SP CPVW PEQ KVMTQBM, YQS

GP EPWU ETGR CPVW PEQ RYQSM, YM

EB HPDDYQSBS CPV; GRYG CPV DYC

EYJU RPQBMGJC GPEYWS GRBD GRYG

YWB ETGRPVG, YQS GRYG CPV DYC

RYFB JYHU PZ QPGRTQA.

DAILY BIBLE STUDIES

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"WHOSE MONEY IS IT ANYWAY?" Part 2



SELECTED SCRIPTURE

SUNDAY

This week we continue with our study of 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. No matter how much or how little we have, we are to be good stewards of it. After all, it all belongs to God anyway!

Read: Psalm 24:1 & Proverbs 10:22 -

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

Many people believe that Jesus grew up dirt poor and homeless, and therefore all Christians should do the same. They believe that they glorify God by being poor. This is not true according to God's Word. In **Matthew 13:55 & Mark 6:3** we learn that Jesus' family was not poor. Joseph was a carpenter and had a very successful business. Jesus set an example for us in that He worked hard with Joseph as a carpenter to provide for their family

Read: Genesis 2:2, Exodus 23:12 & 1 Thessalonians 4:11 -

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

Prayer Starter: Dear Jesus, Help me to be a diligent worker.

TUESDAY

God made this world for man to live in and enjoy. He also wants us to thank Him for this beautiful world He created. The idea that He wants us to walk around in poverty is absurd, but the Bible does warn us about the dangers of loving money and possessions more than God, which is idolatry.

Read: Psalm 50:10-12 -

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

Prayer Starter: Dear God, Give me a proper perspective about "things".

WEDNESDAY

So far we've learned that God instructs us to get wealth by working for it. The Bible is very clear about this—just look at all these verses!

Read: Exodus 20:9-10, Ephesians 4:28, Proverbs 28:19, 12:24, 13:4, 14:23, 6:6-8, 20:4, 2 Thessalonians 3:10 & 1 Timothy 5:8 -

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

Prayer Starter: Dear Jesus, Thank You for the ability to work.

THURSDAY

Another way to obtain wealth according to God's Word is by **SAVING IT**. The Bible teaches us to save as much as we can for a time when we may need it. Sometimes saving money can be hard work.

Read: Proverbs 21:20, 30:25 & Matthew 25:27 -

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

Prayer Starter: Dear God, Help me to be wise in my dealings with money.

FRIDAY

So we know we are to work hard and be wise and save. We are to be disciplined. It is very easy for us to be frivolous or careless with money. We think we "need it now!" We need to always plan ahead.

Read: Proverbs 27:23-24 & Luke 10:10-11 -

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

Prayer Starter: Dear Jesus, Help me not to be an impulsive, wasteful spender.

SATURDAY

So far we've learned the importance of being wise stewards with God's blessings to us. Did you know that 16 of Jesus 38 parables in the Bible deal with this very subject. Being "rich" really has nothing to do with what we possess here on earth. We need to "lay up treasure in heaven" by obeying God and His Word. So, be a good steward of what God has given you!

Read: Job 31:24-28 & Proverbs 11:28 -

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

Prayer Starter: Dear Jesus, Help to live a life of contentment and satisfaction with the things You allow me to possess.

memory verse

"All hard work brings a profit,
but mere talk leads only to poverty."

Proverbs 14:23