



# Money Matters

Money is powerful. We underestimate the influence it has on us.

Your wallet tells you about your walk with God.

## What is money?

“Everyone has it; no one has enough. Reluctant to discuss it, they think of nothing else. People invest it with their own intimate feelings, their rivalries, their triumphs, their frustrations, their ambitions, their resentments. At night it grows into something real, overpowering, enlightening, protective, crushing. A phantasmagorical god... it was a means, it has become an end.” (Guy de Rothschild)

## What does the Bible teach about money?

Mark 10:17-27 - If your money is a barrier to your relationship with God then you must do something about it.

Jesus used every day examples of commerce; debt, investing, stewardship and how we deal with money. It mattered to Jesus so therefore it should matter to us.

Matthew 6:24 - You cannot serve both God and money.

‘There are three conversions necessary: the conversion of the heart, mind and the purse’

Martin Luther



## Advice on money

- Do not love money
- Step back and review your spending patterns
- If you have fallen in love with money, recognise the problem, talk to someone to help you solve the problem and take the opposite action
- Enjoy the money that you have but be responsible
- Enjoy giving
- Build up trust spend by spend

“The aim is to use money, to invest money, to make money, to risk money, to deal in money, to enjoy the fruits of money, but never to love it.”

Seek first the kingdom and everything else falls second.

## Conversation Questions

What does your wallet say about your spiritual walk with God?

How do you manage the tension between the world's view and the biblical view of money?

How does money help or hinder your relationship with God?

What is the next decision you need to make with your money?