

# **BUSTING THE MONEY MYTHS**

**ECCLESIASTES 5:1-20**

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## **I. IT IS EASY TO LOSE PERSPECTIVE ABOUT MONEY**

I have noticed something else in life that is useless. Here is someone who lives alone. He has no son, no brother, yet he is always working, never satisfied with the wealth he has. For whom is he working so hard and denying himself any pleasure? This is useless, too—and a miserable way to live.

Ecclesiastes 4:7-8 (TEV)

No one can serve two masters. For you will hate one and love the other; you will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.

Matthew 6:24 (NLT)

## **II. BUSTING THE MONEY MYTHS – ECCLESIASTES 5:1-17**

### **1. Money will replace God (v.1-7)**

**We worship our work, work at our play, and play at our worship.**

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### **2. Money will make me more important than other people (v.8-9)**

### **3. Money will satisfy me (v.10)**

### **4. Money will solve all my problems (v.11-12,16-17)**

## **5. Money will provide me with lasting security (v.13-15)**

Don't wear yourself out trying to get rich. Be wise enough to know when to quit. In the blink of an eye wealth disappears, for it will sprout wings and fly away like an eagle.

Proverbs 23:4-5 (NLT)

# **III. THE KEYS TO KEEPING MONEY IN PERSPECTIVE – ECCLESIASTES 5:18-20**

*Choose to....*

## **1. Find my meaning in the Giver of the gifts rather than the gifts**

Don't store up treasures on earth! Moths and rust can destroy them, and thieves can break in and steal them. Instead, store up your treasures in heaven, where moths and rust cannot destroy them, and thieves cannot break in and steal them. Your heart will always be where your treasure is.

Matthew 6:19-21 (CEV)

## **2. Enjoy every moment of life as a gift from God**

Can worry make you live longer?...Don't worry and ask yourselves, "Will we have anything to eat? Will we have anything to drink? Will we have any clothes to wear?" Only people who don't know God are always worrying about such things. Your Father in heaven knows that you need all of these. But more than anything else, put God's work first and do what he wants. Then the other things will be yours as well.

Matthew 6:27,31-33 (CEV)

## **3. Be content with what God gives me**

I know how to live on almost nothing or with everything. I have learned the secret of contentment in every situation, whether it be a full stomach or hunger, plenty or want; for I can do everything God asks me to with the help of Christ who gives me the strength and power.

Philippians 4:11-13 (TLB)