

Digging Deeper by Robert Lee
Sermon Series: *The Struggle is Real*
Scripture Lesson: *Money*

Monday – Pray for Spiritual Understanding, then think about the definition of the word money. Some define money as a, “Commodity accepted by general consent (with the agreement of all) as a medium of economic exchange (any item that is widely acceptable in exchange for goods and services). It is the medium in which prices and values are expressed. It circulates from person to person and country to country, facilitating trade, and it is the principal measure of wealth.” Wealth is defined as the accumulation of valuable economic resources that can be measured in terms of either real goods or money value. Net worth is the most common measure of wealth, determined by subtracting total debt from the market value of total assets. This week, let’s look at some Bible verses on the topic of money.

Tuesday – Read Matthew 6:19-21 and pray for Spiritual Knowledge. “Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.” (NIV)

Wednesday – Read Ecclesiastes 5:10-14 and pray for Spiritual Discernment. “Whoever has money never has enough; whoever loves wealth is never satisfied with their income. This too is meaningless. As goods increase, so do those who consume them. And what benefit are they to the owners except to feast their eyes on them? The sleep of the laborer is sweet, whether they eat little or much, but as for the rich, their abundance permits them no sleep. I have seen a grievous evil under the sun; wealth hoarded to the harm of its owners, or wealth lost through some misfortune, so that when they have children there is nothing left for them to inherit.” (NIV)

Thursday – Read Hebrews 13:5 and pray for Spiritual Encouragement. “Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said, ‘Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you.’” (NIV)

Friday – Read Matthew 19:21-24 and pray for Spiritual Courage. After a rich man came up to Jesus to inquire about what he could do to get eternal life, Jesus answered, “If you want to be perfect, go sell your possessions and give to the poor, and you will have treasurers in heaven. Then come follow me. When the young man heard this, he went away sad, because he had great wealth. Then Jesus said to his disciples, ‘Truly, I tell you, it is hard for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of heaven. Again I tell you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.’” (NIV)

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Saturday – Read 1 Timothy 6:7-10 and pray for Spiritual Wisdom. “For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that. Those who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.” (NIV)