



Pray the Word for Financial, Material and Physical needs

We live in a world where money is often more important than God. As Christians, we must learn to focus on our Father and to trust Him for our daily bread. He promised to care for His children and the proof is that Christ paid the full price for us.

Remember that your needs are not bigger than God's ability to provide. Keep your eyes on God and not on your needs or on the people who could possibly give you a job or help you financially. God is your Father and He will care for you. Sadly, in our society, the role that the Holy Spirit and the power of God should play in the church and in the lives of individuals has in many cases been taken over by money.

Practical Guidelines

1. Make a conscious decision to live below your income as far as it is possible.
2. Save part of your income, no matter how difficult it might be.
3. Live simply and be content. Decide on the basics you need to live on, the things you cannot do without, and do not allow neighbours, friends or advertisements to decide for you how you should live and what you need.
4. Willingly give a tenth of your income for the work of the Lord. Do not try to skimp. God promises His blessings to those who give their tithes (*Mal. 3:10*). To rob God of what belongs to Him is a bigger risk than robbing a bank and in addition, you also lose out on God's blessings and care. There are three things in your life that need to be converted: your heart, your mind and your purse. (Martin Luther). Billy Graham said: If you can get your attitude towards money right, almost all of the other things in your life will fall into place as well.
5. Do financial planning for your future. In the same way that you plan any project, you should also plan your finances. Make use of a financial advisor or broker if you are doubtful about how to do it.
6. God said he would supply in all our needs, not necessarily in all we would like to have.
7. God often uses finances as a way to bring people back to Him. There are few things that work as well and as quickly as a lack of personal funds to motivate you to ask if there is any sin in your life, or whether you are still within God's will.

Portions of Scripture for prayer

If you follow my decrees and are careful to obey my commands, I will send you rain in its season and the ground will yield its crops and the trees of the field their fruit. Your threshing will continue until

grape harvest and the grape harvest will continue until planting, and you will eat all the food you want and live in safety in your land. *(Lev.26:3-5)*

But remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you the ability to produce wealth, and so confirms his covenant, which he swore to your forefathers, as it is today. *(Deut.8:18)*

If you fully obey the LORD your God and carefully follow all his commands I give you today, the LORD your God will set you high above all the nations on earth. The LORD will grant you abundant prosperity — in the fruit of your womb, the young of your livestock and the crops of your ground—in the land he swore to your forefathers to give you. The LORD will open the heavens, the storehouse of his bounty, to send rain on your land in season and to bless all the work of your hands. You will lend to many nations but will borrow from none. *(Deut.28:1,11,12)*

He sought God during the days of Zechariah, who instructed him in the fear of God. As long as he sought the LORD, God gave him success. *(2 Chron.26:5)*

Trust in the LORD and do good; dwell in the land and enjoy safe pasture. Better the little that the righteous have than the wealth of many wicked; The days of the blameless are known to the LORD, and their inheritance will endure forever. In times of disaster, they will not wither; in days of famine, they will enjoy plenty. I was young and now I am old, yet I have never seen the righteous forsaken or their children begging bread. *(Ps.37:3; 16; 18-19; 25)*

These all look to you to give them their food at the proper time. When you give it to them, they gather it up; when you open your hand, they are satisfied with good things. *(Ps.104:27-28)*

He provides food for those who fear him; he remembers his covenant forever. *(Ps.111:5)*

Honour the LORD with your wealth, with the first fruits of all your crops; then your barns will be filled to overflowing, and your vats will brim over with new wine. *(Prov.3:9-10)*

To the man who pleases him, God gives wisdom, knowledge and happiness, but to the sinner he gives the task of gathering and storing up wealth to hand it over to the one who pleases God. This too is meaningless, a chasing after the wind. *(Eccl.2:26)*

He who walks righteously and speaks what is right, who rejects gain from extortion and keeps his hand from accepting bribes, who stops his ears against plots of murder and shuts his eyes against contemplating evil— this is the man who will dwell on the heights, whose refuge will be the mountain fortress. His bread will be supplied, and water will not fail him. *(Isa.33:15-16)*

Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. *(Matt.6:19-21)*

Therefore, I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more important than food, and the body more important than clothes? Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they are? So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we

eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. *(Matt.6:25-26;31-33)*

If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him! *(Matt.7:11)*

Give and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you. *(Luk.6:38)*

Consider the ravens: They do not sow or reap, they have no storeroom or barn; yet God feeds them. And how much more valuable you are than birds. *(Luk.12:24)*

If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today, and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, how much more will he clothe you, O you of little faith! *(Luk.12:28)*

For the pagan world runs after all such things, and your Father knows that you need them. But seek his kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well. *(Luk.12:30-31)*

In that day you will no longer ask me anything. I tell you the truth, my Father will give you whatever you ask in my name. Until now you have not asked for anything in my name. Ask and you will receive, and your joy will be complete. *(John 16:23-24)*

Give everyone what you owe him: If you owe taxes, pay taxes; if revenue, then revenue; if respect, then respect; if honor, then honor. Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another, for he who loves his fellowman has fulfilled the law. *(Rom.13:7-8)*

And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times; having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. *(2 Cor.9:8)*

I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. I can do everything through him who gives me strength. *(Phil.4:11-13)*

And my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus. *(Phil.4:19)*

Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you. *(1 Pet.5:7)*