

Financial Issues

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Prayer Pointers ~ Scripturally based topical prayers

Section markers are for those who wish to pray these petitions daily, over a week's time, to allow their truths to permeate their prayers.

Lord, You have asked us to question the value of gaining the world while losing our souls. Help us to keep our perspective in regard to the things of this world. Help us to seek first Your kingdom and rest in You to supply all things You determine are necessary for us. (Mark 8:36)

Help us to learn to be content with whatever circumstances in which You have placed us. Help us to learn to get along with humble means or how to live in prosperity while still honoring You. (Phil. 4:11-12)

May we see the wisdom in steadily building instead of being hasty or "wasty" with what You have provided for us. (Prov. 21:5)

In whatever we do, may we work whole-heartedly, as we are working for You and not for men...It is You we serve. (Col. 3:23, 24)

May we never forget Your words, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." (Acts 20:35)

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You have told us not to steal, deal falsely or lie to

one another, so help us to be very holy and honorable in how we deal with others in financial situations. (Leviticus 19:11)

May we listen to the godly counsel of those You provide in our lives to help us in areas where we may struggle. (Prov. 12:15)

You say the borrower is a servant to the lender, so help us to be cautious of those we choose to "serve". May we live as freely as possible from financial servitude to be able to fully serve You. (Prov. 22:7)

We acknowledge that everything in the heavens and on earth is Yours. This is Your kingdom, and You reign and are sovereign over all You have made. We are just stewards of all You have given us, so help us to be faithful in this role. May we not feel we are entitled, or that what we have is solely our own. (1 Chron. 29:14, 16; Ps. 24:1)

Help us to be faithful in the use of worldly wealth so You can entrust us with true riches. (Luke 16:11)

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May we not be proud or conceited or look down our

noses arrogantly at those less fortunate than ourselves. (Romans 12:16b)

May we be generous with Your people who are in need. (Romans 12:13)

Out of our most severe trials bring to us overflowing joy. And out of our poverty, move us to, humbly, both give and receive generosity. (2 Cor. 8:1-2)

You created everything good, and we are to receive all You have created with thanksgiving. (1Tim. 4:4)

When we are doing well in this present world, may we not become arrogant or hardened, nor may we put our hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but may we put our hope in You, who so richly provides for us all we have for our enjoyment. (1 Tim. 6:17)

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Since we are only temporary residents, help us to hold onto things loosely—as those who buy things they are not expecting to keep, using things of this world yet not being engrossed with them because we understand this world is passing away. (1 Cor. 7:30-31)

May we never forget the best, the most indescribable gift we have been given is the gift of Jesus, Your Son. May this cause us to live grateful lives. (2 Cor. 9:15)

You have said we “have not because ask not”, so help us to remember to come to You when we are in need—humbly, dependently, expectantly, and look to You as our Provider. (Jas. 4:2; Gen. 22:14)

When we feel in want in material things, help us to remember You have given us everything we need for life and godliness. May this reality strengthen our faith, and give us perspective to wait upon You for what is lacking. (2 Pet. 1:3)

May gratitude be our prevailing attitude, no matter what we possess or lack. (Eph. 5:20; 1 Thes. 5:18)

Give us the same reality Job had, understanding that we come into this world with nothing tangible and we leave with nothing tangible. You are the One who gives and You also have the right to take away. This does not diminish Your greatness one bit, nor does it diminish Your love for us—for You would not spare Your own Son, giving Him for us. (Job 1:21)

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Help us not to spend our lives storing up wealth which will only pass away, when You have called us to spend our lives seeking eternal treasures, laid up where nothing can destroy them. (Matt. 6:19)

Remind us that You have said we cannot serve both You and Money. (Matt. 6:24b)

May we be careful not to do our acts of charity publically. Instead help us to seek to do it quietly, both to please You and to spare the one needing charity from embarrassment. May all the glory from our generosity go to You. (Matt. 6:1-4)

Teach us how not to worry and fret about what we do not have. Show us how to trust in You, since You are faithful to clothe the lilies of the field and to feed the birds of the air. Help us to remember how precious we are in Your sight. (Matt 6:25)

You have called us to be dependent on You, but also clearly told us to work diligently. May our dependence not be an excuse for idleness, for You have clearly said that someone who does not provide for their family has denied their faith and is worse than an unbeliever. (1 Tim. 5:8).

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Since You have given us the fruit of the spirit of self-control, may we exercise that to delay the gratification of having those things we desire but cannot afford, or those things You have told us to wait for or deny ourselves. (Gal. 5:22)

May we pay everyone what we owe them, and let no debt remain except love. (Rom. 13:7-8)

May we, like Jesus, hold

nothing back from You, giving our lives fully, as fragrant offerings. (Eph. 5:1-2)

May we each give to You joyfully and gladly, not because we feel we have to in a legalistic way, but with a cheerful heart. You have promised those who give generously will receive generously, and You are faithful to fulfill Your word. (2 Cor. 9)

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May we not only give with grateful hearts, but may our acts of generosity result in others giving thanks to You for Your provision. (2 Cor. 9)

You have asked us to give our “first fruits” and not our left-overs, for this is a way we show our faith in Your faithfulness. (Mal. 1:6-8)

You also have a special commendation and blessing reserved for those who give out of their poverty, for it shows the depth of their love for and faith in You. May we give because You move our hearts to trust in You, and may we give to those we see who are in deeper need than we are. (2 Cor. 8:1-12; Mk. 12:41-44).

Just as You moved on the people of Israel to give so generously toward the building of the tabernacle that the leaders had to tell them to stop, please move on the hearts of Your people to give to their local church so Your kingdom work can be done.