

## A Prayer for Our Finances

### Scripture Reading:

Psalm 98, Psalm 112, I Timothy 6:9-10

### Reflections of the Heart:

We are entrusted with the management of the Lord's wealth. As stewards, by definition, we are granted trust to manage God's finances for profitable use. The way of the Lord is a stronghold to those with integrity; but it destroys the wicked.  
*Proverb 10:29*

### Scriptural Prayer:

Heavenly Father, You are our strength and our song. You have given us victory. You are our God, and we will praise You – our fathers' God – and we will exalt You! We will stand up and praise You, Lord, our God, for You live from everlasting to everlasting! May Your glorious Name be praised! May it be exalted above all blessing and praise! Long ago, You laid the foundation of the earth and made the heavens with Your hands. They will perish, but You remain forever. They will wear out like old clothing. You will change them like a garment and discard them. But You are always the same; You will live forever. The children of Your people will live in security. Our children's children will thrive in Your presence. Abba, Father, You are our strength and shield. We trust You will all our hearts. You help us, and our hearts are filled with joy. We burst out in songs of thanksgiving. As Your grace reaches more and more people, there will be great thanksgiving, and You will receive more and more glory. Eternal King, we thank You for being our Shepherd, so we will have all that we need. Thank You for providing for our Church Family during these tough economic times. Thank You for blessing commerce and trade in the Houston Metropolitan Area. Thank You for extending to us the wisdom to be better stewards of the financial resources You have blessed us with.

Father God, Your Word teaches us that the earth is Yours, and everything in it. The world and all its people belong to You. For You laid the earth's foundations on the seas and built it on the ocean depths. Then You gave human beings charge of everything You made, putting all things under our authority. We know, Father, that a person who is put in charge as a manager must be faithful, and we commit to You that we will be faithful with the finances that are entrusted to us. We will manage our own households well, so that we can be trusted to take care of Your church and the riches of Your Kingdom, both physical and spiritual. Like the Acts church, we will commit to helping others in need. You have given each of us a gift from Your great variety of spiritual gifts, and we will use them well to serve one another. Father, we expect to share in the inheritance that belongs to Your people, who live in the light. We confess that we don't worry about anything; instead we pray about everything. We tell You what we need and thank You for all You have done. We confess that we will not be anxious for wealth because we know that greed causes confusion and discord; but trusting the Lord leads to prosperity. We will work diligently to grow wealth over time and flee from get-rich-quick schemes whose profits quickly disappear. We decree, Lord, that we will honor You with our wealth and with the best part of everything we produce.

***I will be more careful in stewardship over my finances and make the following changes:***

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Holy Spirit, guide us so that we are not seduced by wealth or bribed into sin. Send messengers to teach those who are rich in this present world not to be proud and not to trust in their money, which is so unreliable. Cause them to remember that their trust should be in God, who richly gives us all we need for our enjoyment. Show them how they should use their money to do good; they should be rich in good works and generous to those in need, always being ready to share with others. Remind us and our sisters and brothers in Christ, Holy Spirit, to heed the lesson in God's Word: If we are faithful in little things, we will be faithful in large ones. But if we are dishonest in little things, we won't be honest with greater responsibilities. If we are untrustworthy about worldly wealth, who will trust us with the true riches of heaven? And if we are not faithful with other people's things, why should we be trusted with things of our own? No one can serve two masters. For we will hate one and love the other; we will be devoted to one and despise the other. We cannot serve both God and money. Help us, Holy Spirit, to be faithful and disciplined with our finances.

Father, there are those who are like wolves who tear apart their victims. They actually destroy people's lives for money! Forgive those people for devising schemes which have devastated the financial markets around the world and destroyed many individuals' security. Forgive us for not always trusting You to take care of us financially. Father, forgive those who embrace pride and boast about their riches. Forgive those who have plenty, but don't honor You by helping others. Forgive those who do not obey Your law of giving. Father, forgive me for (list any sins that you have committed.) Holy Spirit, remind us of those we need to forgive and help us to be quick to forgive. As for me, Holy Spirit, bring to my remembrance those I need to forgive. *(Take a moment and ask the Holy Spirit to show you names or faces of people that you may need to forgive. As He shows you, say aloud, "I forgive name of person(s)." Now, trust the Lord to heal any wounds in your soul caused by unforgiveness.)*

Holy Spirit, help us not to yield to temptation; but deliver us from the evil one.

Almighty God, You have no equal! Who else has held the oceans in his hand? Who has measured off the heavens with his fingers? Who else knows the weight of the earth or has weighed the mountains and hills on a scale? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of all the earth. May everyone on earth praise His holy Name! In Jesus' mighty Name, Amen!

**Scripture References for the Written Text:** Exodus 15:2, Nehemiah 9:5, Psalm 102:25-28, Psalm 28:7, II Corinthians 4:15, Psalm 23:1, Psalm 24:1-2, Psalm 8:6, I Corinthians 4:2, I Peter 4:10, Colossians 1:12, Philippians 4:6, Proverbs 28:25, Proverbs 13:11, Proverbs 3:9, Job 36:18, I Timothy 6:17-18, Luke 16:10-13, Ezekiel 22:27, Luke 6:37, Isaiah 40:12, Isaiah 40:28, Psalm 145:21

*Today I will trust God to:*

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