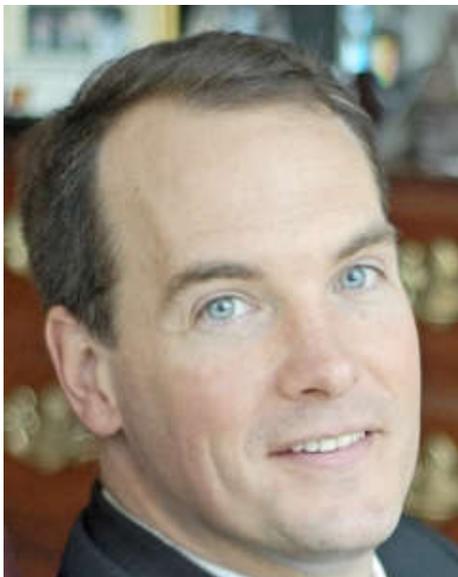


# Financial words of wisdom from the Bible



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As a celebration of this joyous Easter season, and the blessings God has given me in my lifetime, I would like to share some of my favorite words of financial wisdom from the Bible:

**WORK** – Whatever you do, do your work heartily, as for the Lord rather than for men. (Colossians 3:23)

**EFFORT** – Lazy hands make for poverty, but diligent hands bring wealth (Proverbs 10:4)

**TITHE** – “Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this,” says the Lord Almighty, “and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room for it.” (Malachi

3:10)

**PRUDENCE** – In the house of the wise are stores of choice food and oil, but a foolish man devours all he has. (Proverbs 21:20)

**GIVE** – But this I say: He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver. (2 Corinthians 9:7)

**PLAN** – For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not sit down first and count the cost, whether he has enough to finish it lest, after he has laid the foundation, and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, saying, “This man began to build and was not able to finish?” (Luke 14:28-30)

**COUNSEL** – Where there is no counsel, the people fall; but in the multitude of counselors there is safety. (Proverbs 11:14)

**EDUCATION** – Choose my instruction rather than silver, and knowledge rather than pure gold. For wisdom is far more valuable than rubies. Nothing you desire can compare with it. (Proverbs 8:10-11)

**KNOW** – Be diligent to know the state of your flocks. (Proverbs 27:23)

**PROVIDE** – But if anyone does not provide for his own, and especially for those of his household, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever. (Luke 5:8)

**GROWTH** – So he who had received five talents came and brought five other talents; saying, “Lord you delivered to me five talents; look I have gained five more talents besides them.” His lord said to him, “Well done, good and faithful servant; you were faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord. (Matthew 25:20-21)

**INVEST** – He who observes the wind will not sow, and he who regards the clouds will not reap. (Ecclesiastes 11:4)

**DIVERSIFY** – Divide your portion to seven, or even to eight, for you do not know what misfortune may occur on the earth. (Ecclesiastes 11:2)

**SAVE** – Let Pharaoh take action to appoint overseers in charge of the land, and let him exact a fifth of the produce of the land of Egypt in the seven years of abundance. Then let them gather all of food of these good years that are coming....as a reserve for the land for the seven years of famine which will occur in the land of Egypt, so that the land will not perish during the famine. (Genesis 41:34-45)

**HONESTY** – Better to have little, with godliness, than to be rich and dishonest. (Proverbs 16:8)

**DEBT** – It is better that you should not vow than that you should vow and not pay. (Ecclesiastes 5:5)

**LEGACY** – A good man leaves an inheritance to his children’s children. (Proverbs 13:22)

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