

# Paul's Theology



## Money and Possessions

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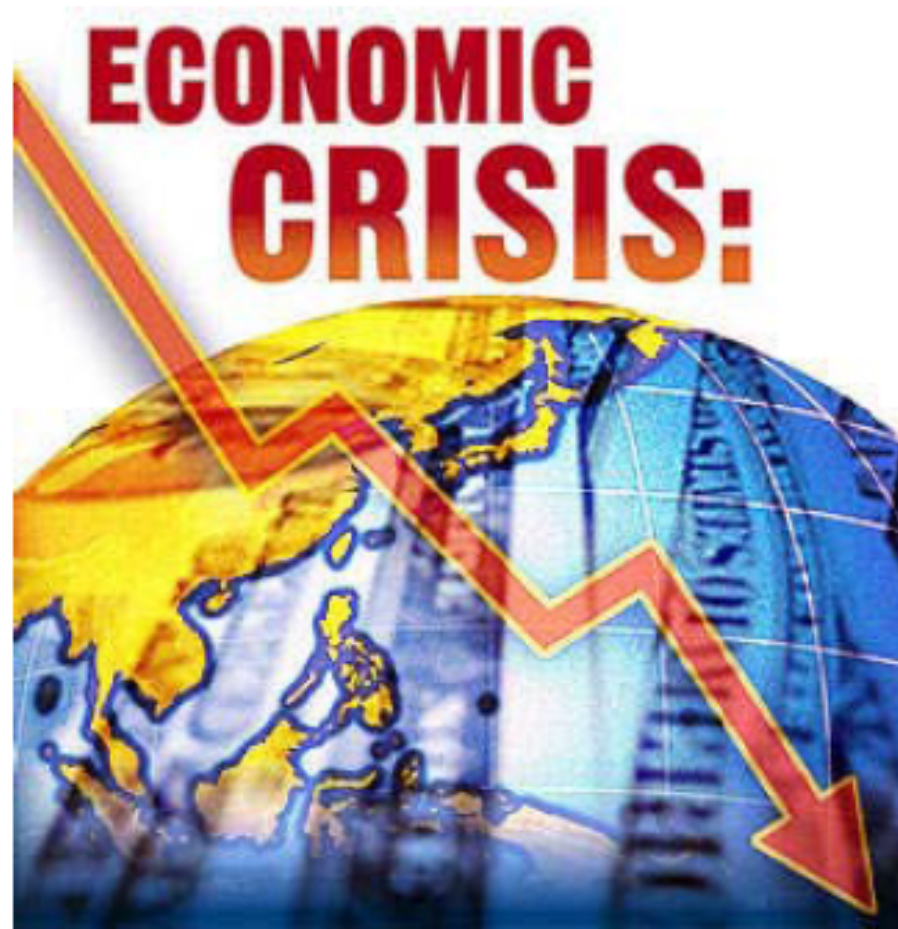
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# Pinch Hitter





“Worst Recession,  
since the Depression”





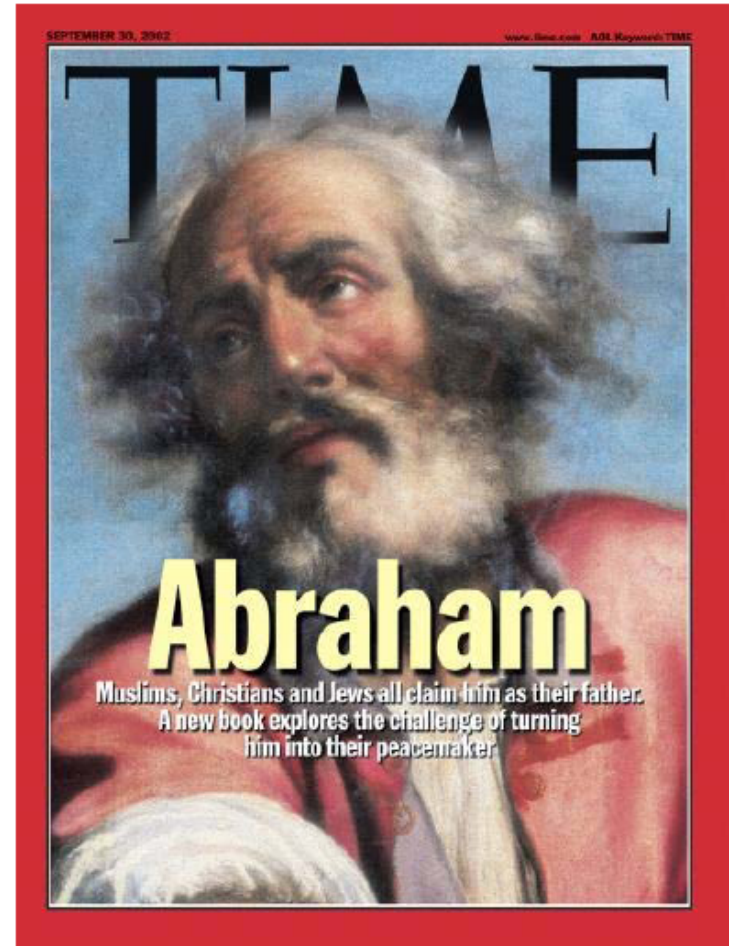
# Job

- **Job 42:10 – 17** “ And the Lord restored the fortunes of Job, when he had first prayed for his friends. And the Lord gave Job twice as much as he had before.....And he had 14,000 sheep, 6000 camels, 1000 yoke of oxen and 1000 female donkeys



# Abraham

- **Genesis 13:2** “Now Abram (Abraham) was very rich in livestock, in silver, and in gold



# Isaac

- **Genesis 26: 12 – 14**” And Isaac sowed in that land and reaped in the same year a hundredfold. The Lord blessed him, and the man became rich, and gained more and more until he became very wealthy. He had possessions of flocks and herds and many servants, so that the Philistines envied him.”



# Jacob

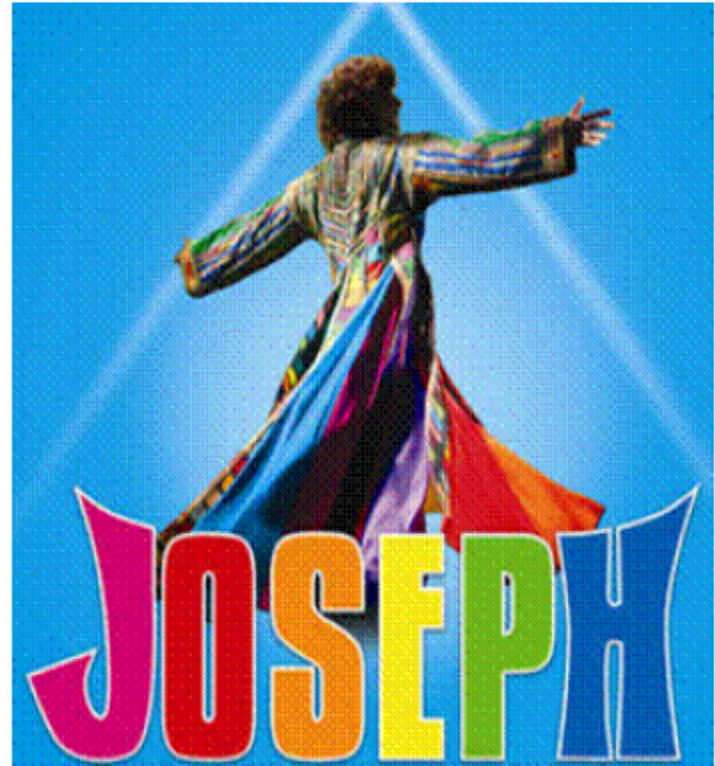
- **Genesis 30:43 – 31:1**  
“Thus the man (Jacob) increased greatly and had large flocks, female servants and male servants, and camels and donkeys. Now Jacob heard that the sons of Laban were saying, “Jacob has taken all that was our father’s and from what was our father’s he has gained all this wealth.”





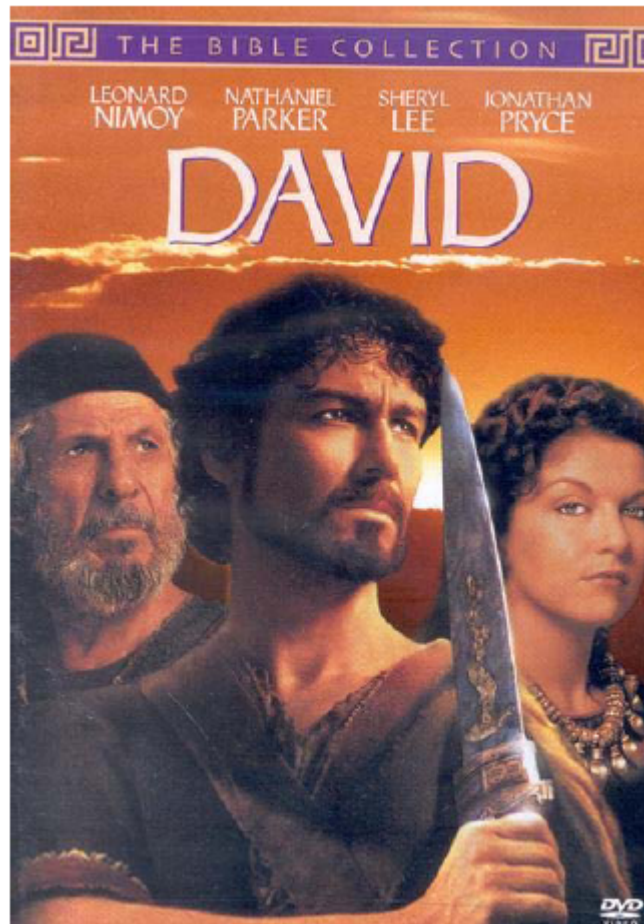
# Joseph

- **Genesis 39:** “The Lord was with Joseph, and he became a successful man, and he was in the house of his Egyptian master.”

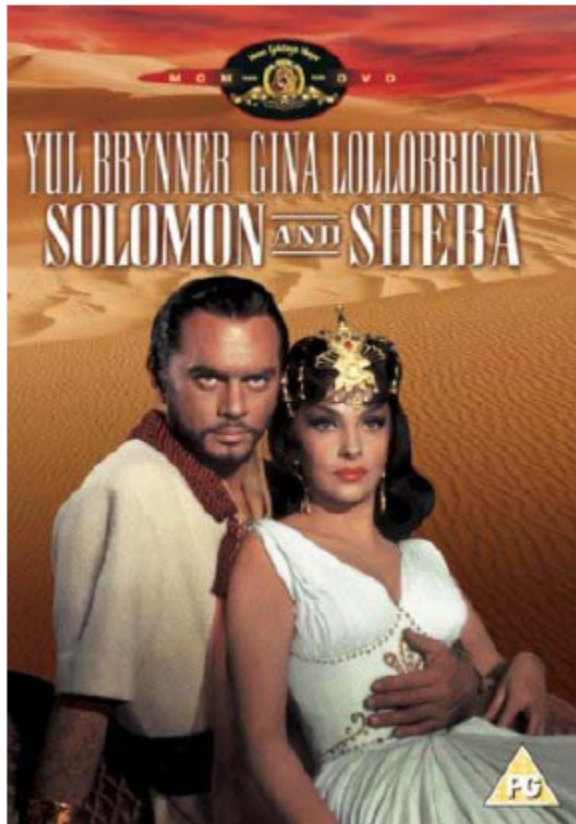


# King David

Deuteronomy 15:10 ... “the Lord will bless you



# Solomon - Bill Gates





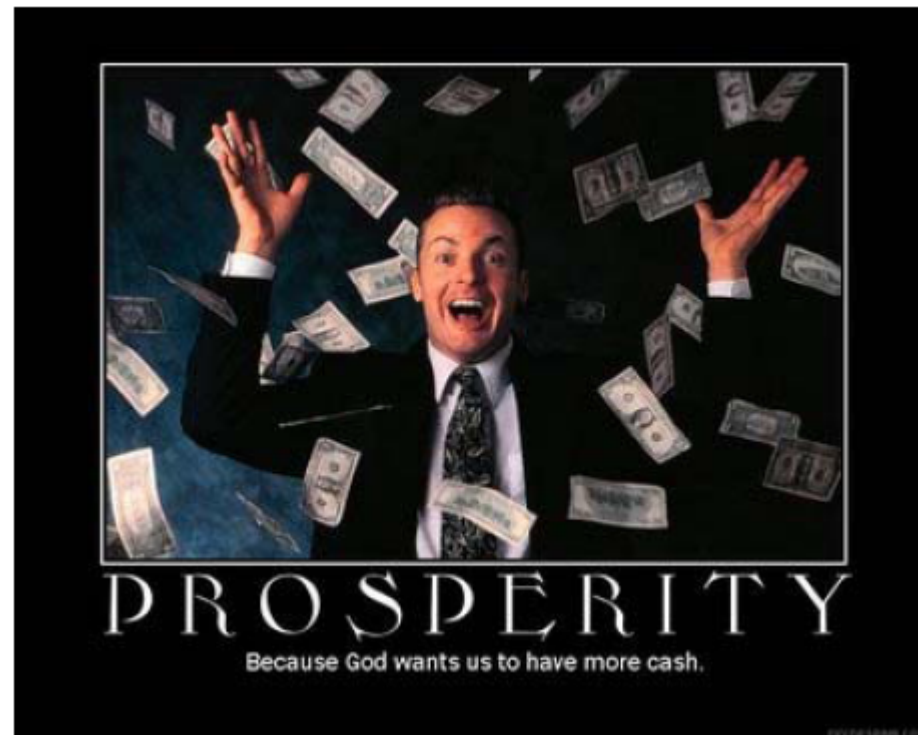


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# Prosperity Theology



# Prosperity Theology outrageous quotes

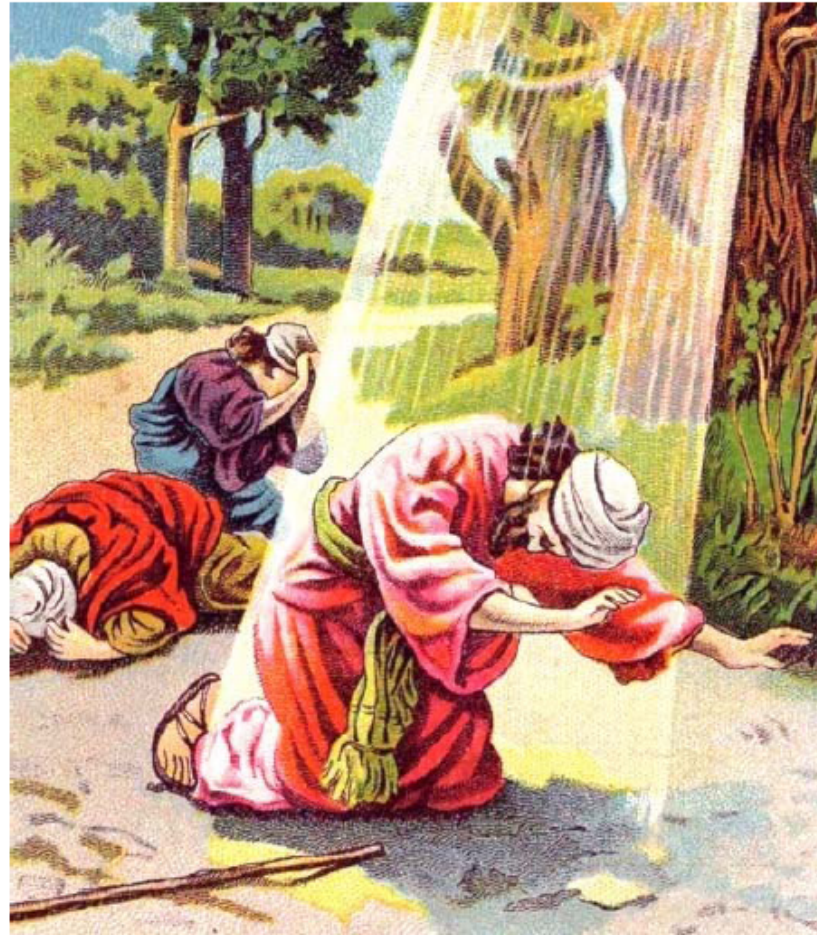
- Being poor is a sin, when God promises prosperity
- One greater than a lottery has come. His name is Jesus
- Some people say it's about peace, joy and love. NO!! It's about MONEY!“
- Christians can get anything they want by calling upon the spirit world in the Fourth Dimension and visualizing what they want
- If you are struggling financially, then you have not got the victory

Is God our personal Genie?



**Philippians 4:1,5-7 ..... 'Stand fast in the Lord, my dearly beloved. Let your moderation be known unto all men. The Lord is at hand.**



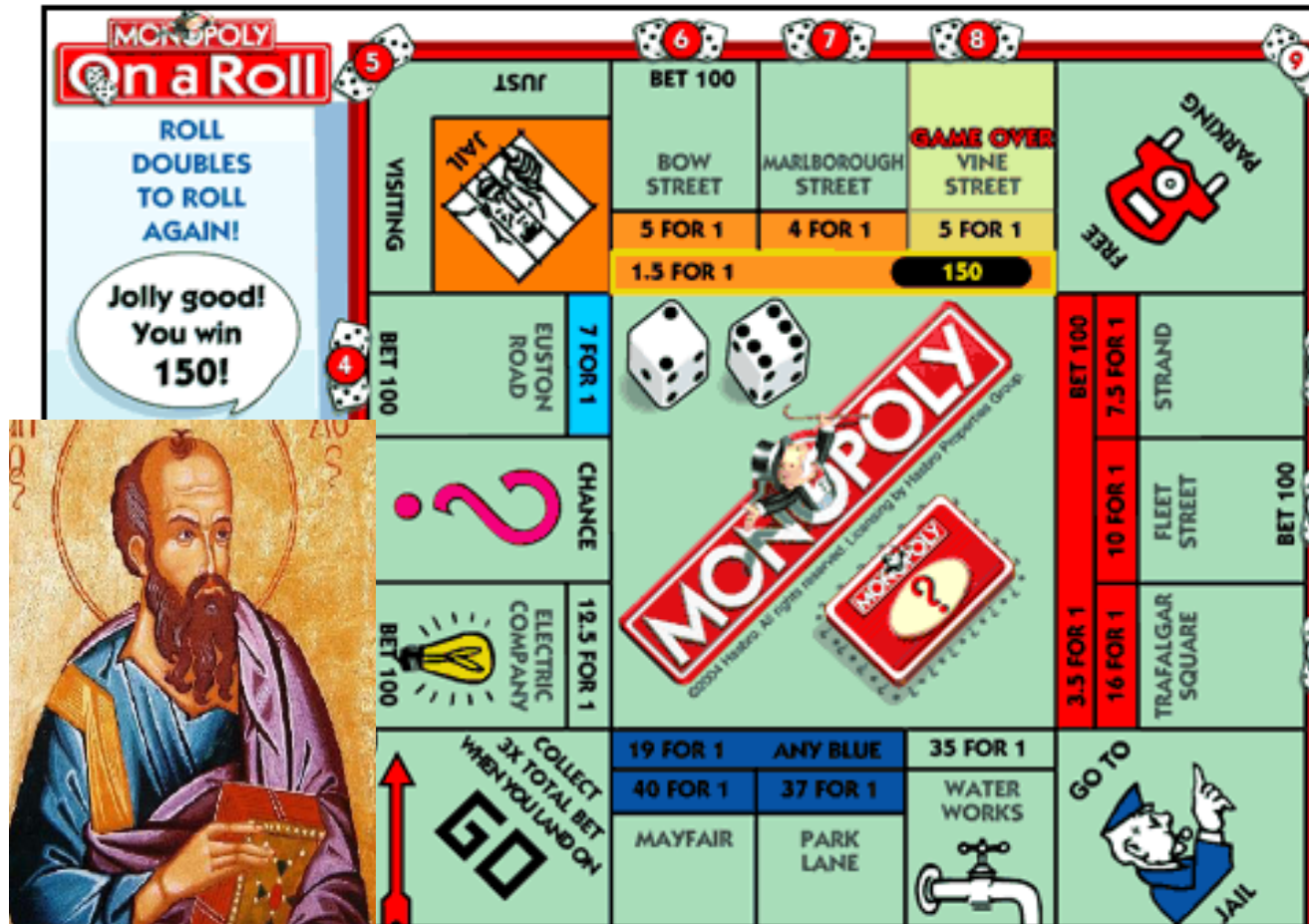




# Adversity Theology



# Paul's Theology: Money



# 1. Work hard, take care of our families



- 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 in unbeliever.
- 1 Timothy 5:8

“...and because he was a tentmaker as they were (Aquila and Priscilla), he stayed and worked with them.” **(Acts 18:3)**



# Employee of the Month





## 2. Be content with what you have



- 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.” Phil 4:12

# How? / no debt



- Romans 13:8 “Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another, for he who loves his fellow man has fulfilled the law.”

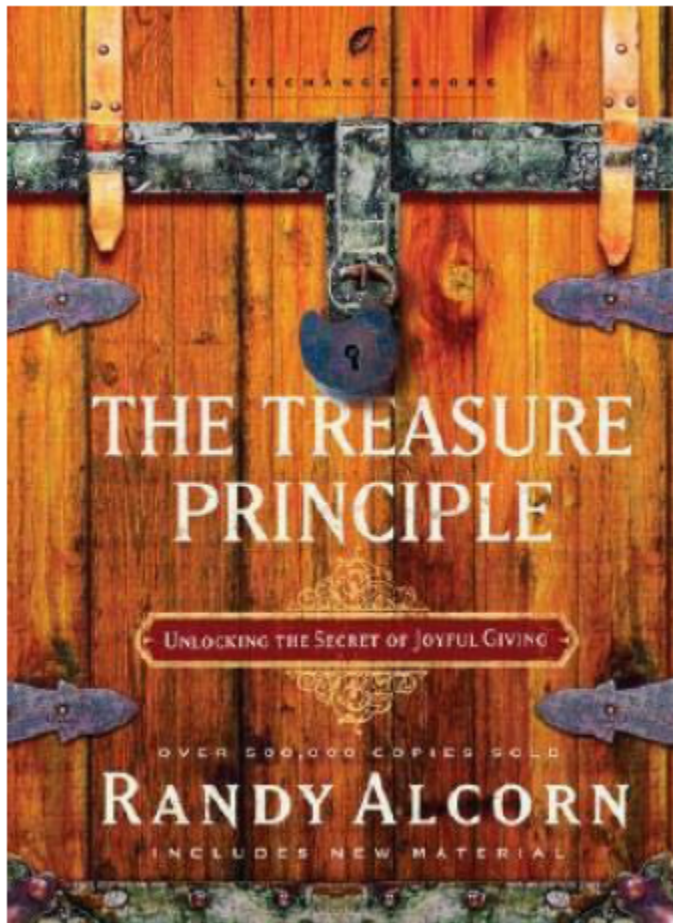


# How? / Pay your taxes!



- Romans 13:7 Render to all what is due them: tax to whom tax is due; custom to whom custom; fear to whom fear; honor to whom honor.

### 3. Give



- 2 Corinthians 9:6-15
- God loves a cheerful giver

Four of every ten adults give nothing  
at all to their churches



- See that you also excel in this grace of giving.” **(2 Corinthians 8:7)**



# John Wesley

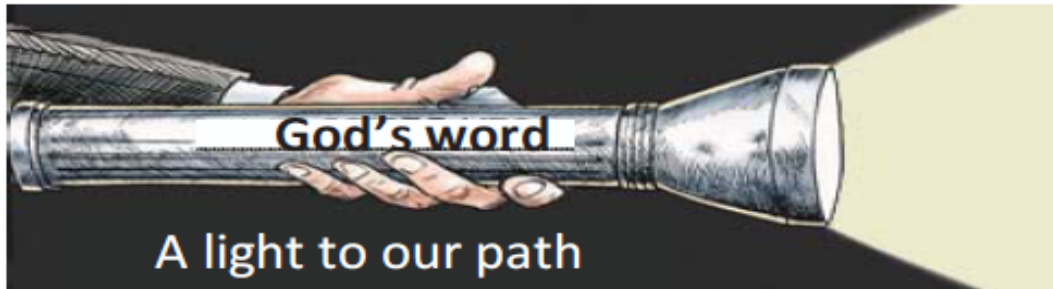
- “Money never stays with me. It would burn me if it did. I throw it out of my hands as soon as possible, lest it find its way into my heart.”





# Caesarea



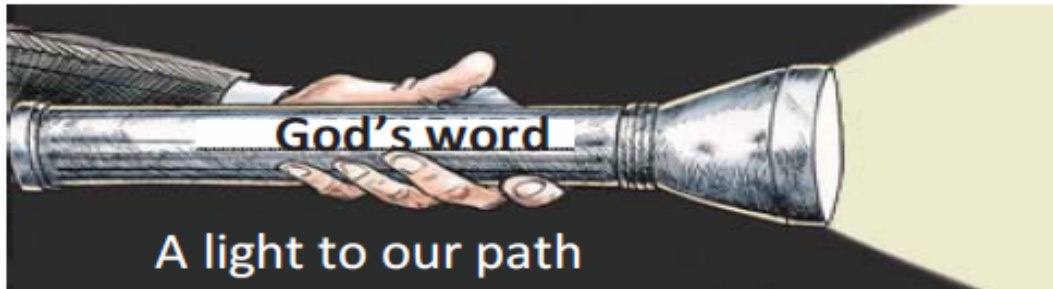


## Points for Home

### 1. God owns it all

- 1 Corinthians 6:19 “Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the HS within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, for you have been bought with a price.

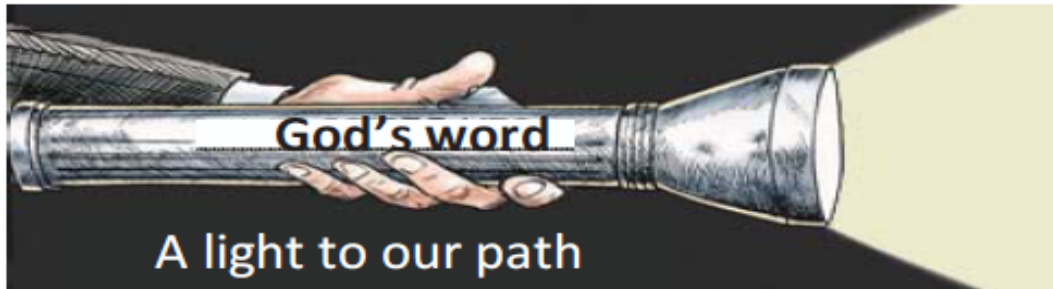




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2. Let's study God's word to wisely deal with HIS \$

Ephesians 5:15 – 17 “Look carefully then how you walk! Live purposefully and worthily and accurately, not as the unwise and witless, but as wise – sensible, intelligent people; making the very most of the time – buying up each opportunity – because the days are evil. Therefore do not be vague and thoughtless and foolish, but understanding and firmly grasping what the will of the Lord is.



Points for  
Home

- 3. Avoid the wrong attitude toward \$
- 1 Timothy 6:10 “For the love of money is the root of all kinds of evils.