

MONEY MANAGEMENT FOR CHRISTIANS

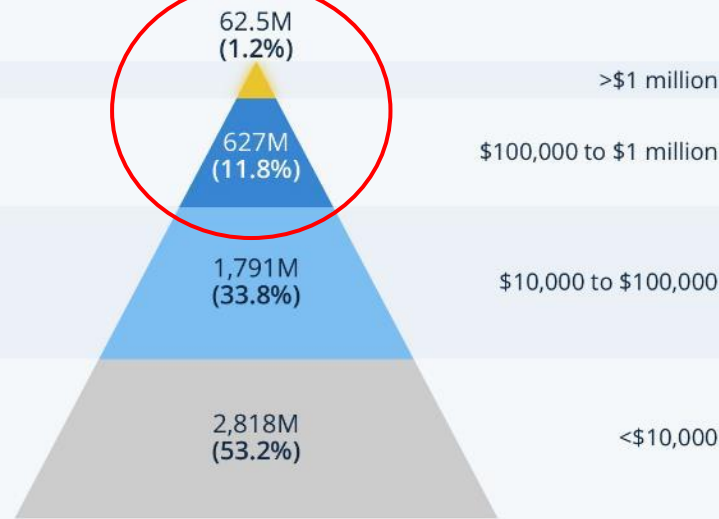
JAMES 5:1-6

Let's Pray

1. Tell each other your name
2. Do you think you are rich?
3. Can money buy happiness?

The Global Wealth Pyramid

An overview of global wealth distribution in 2021



Number of adults (% of world adults)

Source: Credit Suisse 2022 Global Wealth Report



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FBC members are rich by global standards

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Can money buy happiness? Scientists say it can.

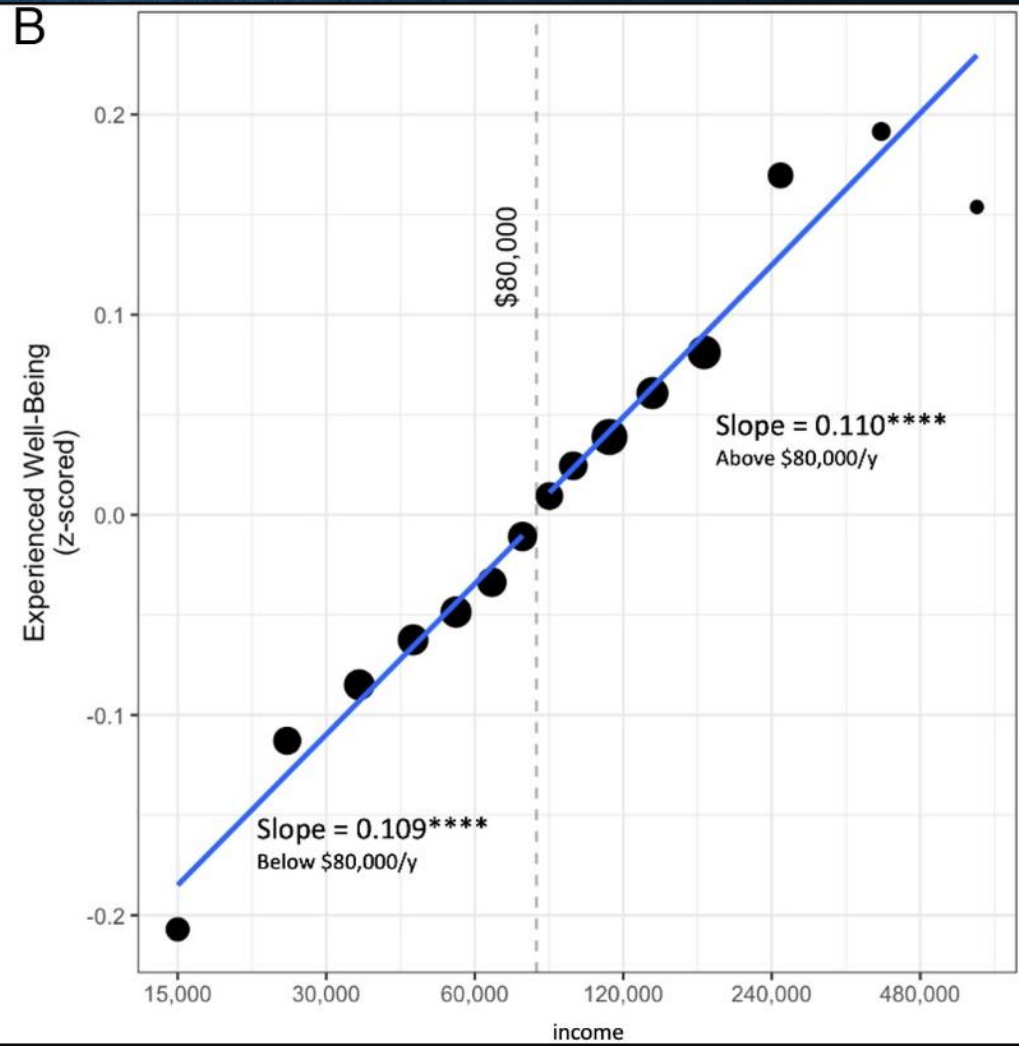


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Research by Kahneman and Killingsworth



Money is power



The image shows the interior of a BMW car, likely a luxury model like the 7 Series. The view is from the passenger side looking towards the driver's seat. The seats are upholstered in light-colored leather with a ribbed pattern. The dashboard and center console are visible, featuring a large infotainment screen and various controls. Ambient lighting in a warm, orange-red hue is visible along the door panels and under the seats. The car is parked in a dark environment, possibly at night, with a view of a forested hillside through the rear window. The text is overlaid on the lower-left portion of the image.

LUXQUOTES

**They say that
money can't
buy happiness,
but I'd rather cry
in a BMW than
on a bicycle.**

BMW

James 5:1-6

Now listen, you rich people, **weep and wail** because of the **misery that is coming on you**. 2 Your wealth has rotted, and moths have eaten your clothes. 3 Your gold and silver are corroded. **Their corrosion will testify** against you and eat **your flesh like fire**. You have hoarded wealth in the last days. 4 Look! **The wages you failed to pay the workers who mowed your fields are crying out** against you. The cries of the harvesters have **reached the ears of the Lord Almighty**. 5 You have lived on earth in luxury and self-indulgence. **You have fattened yourselves in the day of slaughter**. 6 You have condemned and murdered the innocent one, who was not opposing you.

Bible passages warning about money

But **the rich should take pride in their humiliation** James 1:10

“But **woe to you who are rich**, for you have already received your comfort. - Luke 6:24

You **cannot serve both God and money**. - Matthew 6:24

...**This very night your life will be demanded from you.** 21 “This is how it will be with whoever stores up things for themselves but is not rich toward God.” – Luke 12:20-21



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1. Money is a **dangerous** resource
2. God expects us to manage resources the right way



How should we manage our finances?

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Define hoarding? Define luxury? Define dishonest gains?

Who did James write this letter to?

James 1:1 James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, to the twelve tribes scattered among the nations

Recipients are professing Christians who know God

God introduces Himself

Jeremiah 9:24 Let the one who boasts boast about this: that they have the understanding to know me, that I am the Lord, who exercises kindness, **justice** and **righteousness** on earth, for in these I delight," declares the Lord.

tzadaqah



mishpat



Modern idea of justice and righteousness



Mishpat - Restorative justice – **Giving people what they are due.**
Punishing wrongdoers and caring for the victims of unjust treatment.

Tzadaqah - Primary justice – Having **right relationships** between people. **Treating others with dignity as the image of God.** Conducting life with fairness, generosity, equity

Job 29: 14 I put on righteousness as my clothing; justice was my robe and my turban. 15 I was eyes to the blind and feet to the lame. 16 I was a father to the needy; I took up the case of the stranger. 17 I broke the fangs of the wicked and snatched the victims from their teeth.

Better depiction of justice and righteousness



God's laws in Deuteronomy

Fair to customers

Deut 25:13 You shall not have in your bag two kinds of weights, large and small

Pay promptly

Deut 24:14 “You shall not withhold the wages of poor and needy laborers, whether other Israelites or aliens who reside in your land in one of your towns.”

Profits for the poor and foreigner

Lev 19:9-10 9 “...do not reap to the very edges of your field or gather the gleanings of your harvest.

God's laws in Deuteronomy

Lend even if you don't get repaid

Deut 15:9 Be careful not to harbor this wicked thought: “The seventh year, the year for canceling debts, is near,” so that you do not show ill will toward the needy among your fellow Israelites and give them nothing. They may then appeal to the Lord against you, and you will be found guilty of sin. 10 Give generously to them...

Provide for the common good while protecting the owner

Deut 23:24-25 If you go into your neighbor's vineyard, you may eat your fill of grapes, as many as you wish, but you shall not put any in a container.

How is justice and righteousness
applied in our text?

Dishonest gains

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Jeff Bezos



ShrimpZoo
@shrimpzoo

Today amazon gave me a verbal warning about going to the bathroom while not on break. They have a new rule they don't allow bathroom breaks you have to get permission now. And they denied me so I went anyways. And I got in trouble. I think I have to have quit. It's inhumane



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Indulging

James 5:5 You have lived on earth in luxury and self-indulgence.

1. Are you
2. Are you
3. Are you



Hoarding

James 5:3 Your gold and silver are corroded. Their corrosion will testify against you and eat your flesh like fire. You have hoarded wealth in the last days.

1. Are you saving for a rainy day or a rainy century?
2. Is it really wise to leave so much money to your children?
3. Would Jesus be happy to see your bank account if He returns now?
4. Is there a better use for your money than storing in the bank?



Discuss the questions above with your friend

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Our decisions have consequences

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Five loaves and two fish

John 6:9 “Here is a boy with five small barley loaves and two small fish, but how far will they go among so many?”

Matthew 14:15 As evening approached, the disciples came to him and said, “This is a remote place, and it’s already getting late. Send the crowds away, so they can go to the villages and buy themselves some food.”





Why are we to live with righteousness?

Deut 6:10 When the Lord your God brings you into the land he swore to your fathers, to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, to give you—a land with large, flourishing cities **you did not build**, 11 houses filled with all kinds of good things **you did not provide**, wells **you did not dig**, and vineyards and olive groves **you did not plant**—then when you eat and are satisfied, 12 **be careful that you do not forget the Lord, who brought you out of Egypt**, out of the land of slavery.

Because we are people who received grace

Justice and righteousness became human

Luke 4:18 “The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, 19 to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”

2 Cor 8:9 For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich.



There should be no poor among you

Deut 14:4 ...**there need be no poor people among you**, for in the land the Lord your God is giving you to possess as your inheritance, he will richly bless you

Acts 4: 33 With great power the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And God's grace was so powerfully at work in them all 34 **that there were no needy persons among them**. For from time to time those who owned land or houses sold them, brought the money from the sales 35 and put it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to anyone who had need.

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Benediction

For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again.

Open our eyes Lord to see your beauty and glory

Open our hearts Lord to act in accordance with your will

Open our hands Lord to generously share what we have been given

(May) the Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.