

1. Money is evil

1 Timothy 6:6-12 Now godliness with contentment is great gain.

7 For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out.

8 And having food and clothing, with these we shall be content.

9 But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and harmful lusts which drown men in destruction and perdition.

10 For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, for which some have strayed from the faith in their greediness, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.

11 But you, O man of God, flee these things and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, gentleness.

12 Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, to which you were also called and have confessed the good confession in the presence of many witnesses.

- Money is a tool to fulfill the will of God on this earth

2. Money isn't important

People who say that don't have any, and don't help others.

Luke 16:10-15 "He who is faithful in what is least is faithful also in much; and he who is unjust in what is least is unjust also in much.

11 "Therefore if you have not been faithful in the unrighteous mammon, who will commit to your trust the true riches?

12 "And if you have not been faithful in what is another man's, who will give you what is your own?

13 "No servant can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon."

14 Now the Pharisees, who were lovers of money, also heard all these things, and they derided Him.

15 And He said to them, "You are those who justify yourselves before men, but God knows your hearts. For what is highly esteemed among men is an abomination in the sight of God.

Ecclesiastes 10:19b ...But money answers everything.

3. Ministers should not be prosperous financially or make money in the world.

Luke 16:8 "So the master commended the unjust steward because he had dealt shrewdly. For the sons of this world are more shrewd in their generation than the sons of light.

- Poverty vows came during the dark ages

- Most ministers retire broke, living off Social security.
- Many ministers live in poverty.

4. Pastor's should not know who is tithing or how much:

1 Thessalonians 5:12 (KJS) And we beseech you, brethren, to know them which labour among you, and are over you in the Lord, and admonish you;

- Jesus broke that rule. He knew how much the widow woman gave compared to the rich!
- People who don't tithe shouldn't be promoted.
- Scripture does warn not to show undue favoritism to the rich (James 2:1-9).



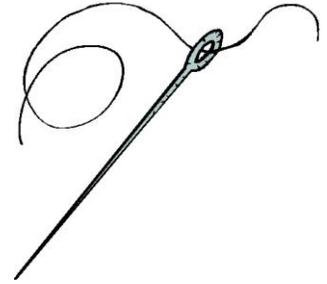
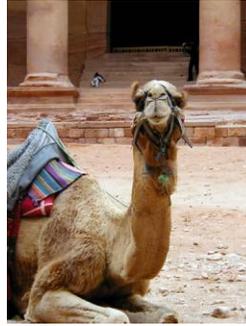
5. Pastor's should not teach on tithing or talk about money.

- ☞ You are robbing your church if you don't!
- ☞ People need teaching, not pressure.
- ☞ Always share a scripture about giving when you receive an offering. People need sufficient faith for each planting.
- ☞ Never, ever, apologize for receiving an offering! They should be thankful you are.

- Ministers who believe this retire broke, live off Social security, and dwell in poverty.

6. Those who are in business can't be in the ministry.

- Paul supported his ministry making and selling tents while in Ephesus. The disciples ministered primarily in the market place. They were Market place ministers.
- God is calling Apostles and prophets to the market place to make money for His kingdom.
- One person says, a minister who works a secular job doesn't pray enough. That is religious thinking that is unscriptural, a put down.



7. Rich people can't get to heaven.

- Those who trust in riches won't get into heaven.
- Humble rich people get into heaven.

1 Timothy 6:17-19 Command those who are rich in this present age not to be haughty, nor to trust in uncertain riches but in the living God, who gives us richly all things to enjoy.

18 Let them do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to give, willing to share,

19 storing up for themselves a good foundation for the time to come, that they may lay hold on eternal life.

James 4:6 But He gives more grace. Therefore He says:

"God resists the proud,

But gives grace to the humble."

Matthew 19:23-26

²³ Then Jesus said to His disciples, "Assuredly, I say to you that it is hard for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven. ²⁴ And again I say to you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God."

²⁵ When His disciples heard *it*, they were greatly astonished, saying, "Who then can be saved?"

²⁶ But Jesus looked at *them* and said to them, "**With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.**"

Three views:

1. The camel was the largest animal which the Jews knew. It is said that sometimes in walled cities there were two gates. There was the great main gate through which all trade and traffic moved. Beside it there was often a little low and narrow gate. When the great main gate was locked and guarded at night, the only way into the city was through the little gate, through which even a man could hardly pass erect. It is said that sometimes that little gate was called "The Needle's Eye." So it is suggested that Jesus was saying that it was just as difficult for a rich man to enter the Kingdom of Heaven as for a huge camel to get through the little gate through which a man can hardly pass.
2. Some writers, however, think that there is an allusion in our text-verse, not only to a proverbial form of speech, but also to a fact. They refer to the low, narrow entrance to houses in ancient times, and to the difficulty a camel would experience in entering, though even a camel might enter if his load were removed and he kneeled down, which may be considered a hint to rich men who would enter the kingdom of heaven.
3. A camel is a beast of burden and in ancient times a camel was usually seen loaded with the material goods of its owner. The simile of "a camel passing through the eye of the needle", suggests the actual meaning of Christ's quotation is, that "it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of the needle than it is for a MATERIALLY MINDED PERSON to enter heaven; one whose mind is burdened like the camel.

8. It is unbelief to have a savings account.

Deuteronomy 28:8 "The Lord will command the blessing on you in your storehouses and in all to which you set your hand, and He will bless you in the land which the Lord your God is giving you.

- He can't bless your storehouse unless you have one.
- Everyone here ought to have 100,000+ in savings.
- God does not want us to give it all away.