



The Biblical Theology of Money Investment in God's Kingdom

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INTRODUCTION



When Taxis speak in Africa...

- “Même si l’argent est sur la queue du diable, j’irai le chercher.”
 - “Even if the money is on the devil’s tail, I will get it.”
- *Written on a taxi in Bangui*





THE BIBLICAL THEOLOGY OF MONEY AND INVESTMENT IN GOD'S KINGDOM

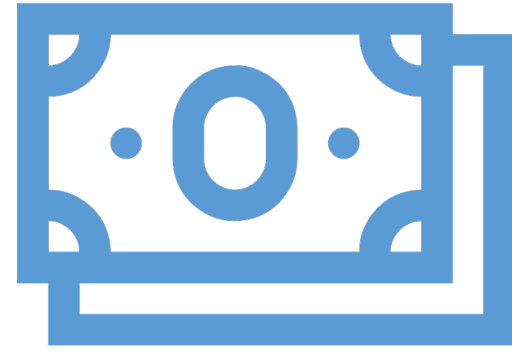
- **Importance:** Confusion/Eternal consequences
- **Goal:** Balanced biblical view on money
- **Methodology:** Bibliocentric and Christocentric hermeneutical approach
- **Objectives:** Orthodoxy and orthopraxis



• PLAN

- - Introduction
- I. Importance of money
 - In life
 - In the Bible
- II. God's view on money and wealth
 - Current theological views
 - Biblical revelation
 - Balanced position needed

- III. Biblical guidance on the use of money and wealth
 - Key concept
 - Biblical guidelines
- IV. Practical Implications for Christians Today
 - Re-examination
 - Repentance
 - Return to orthodoxy and orthopraxis
- - Conclusion



I. Importance of money



FAMOUS QUOTES

- **“I'd like to live as a poor man with lots of money.”** Pablo Picasso

- **“The lack of money is the root of all evil.”**

Mark Twain

- **“Money makes your life easier. If you're lucky to have it, you're lucky.”** Robert De Niro

- **“Money won't create success, the freedom to make it will.”** Nelson Mandela

BIBLE

- In the first two chapters of Genesis, it is written that God created the heavens and earth and everything within. God created all resources, including money, gold, and diamonds.
- Bible verses on money and wealth: about 2,350
- In the Gospels, Jesus talked about money and wealth than any other topic!



IT'S
ALL
MINE!!!



•II. God's view on money and wealth

CONTEXT

- Two extreme views today: prosperity gospel and poverty gospel
- Money: curse or blessing?
- Money: power or weakness?
- Money: danger or opportunity?

BIBLE

- God owns everything: Job 41:11, Ps. 24:1,

- God gives wealth: “And you shall remember the Lord your God, for *it is* He who gives you power to get wealth, that He may establish His covenant which He swore to your fathers, as *it is* this day.” Deut. 8:18

Ex. Job, Solomon, Corinthian believers

- Lack of wealth is not a sign of poor spirituality

Ex.: Job, Paul, John, and Peter/**Read Hebrews 11:37-40**

In short...

- Money is not evil
- The love of money is: *“For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.” 1 Tim. 6:10.*
- *“Money is a great servant but a bad master.” Francis Bacon*

**“Biblical
truth is
rarely in the
extremes.”**

Prof. Isaac ZOKOUE (1993)



“Money is a tool.
Used properly it makes
something beautiful;
used wrong,
it makes a mess!”
— **Bradley Vinson**





III. Biblical guidance on the use of money and wealth



BIBLE

- Wealth as a gift from God to be used for His service: Mt 25:14-30
- Mankind's first responsibility: *Genesis 2:15 – "The LORD God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it."*
- We are just managers: *"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms." 1 Pet. 4:10*
- Faithfulness is the key: *"The master said, 'Well done, my good and faithful servant. You have been faithful in handling this small amount, so now I will give you many more responsibilities. Let's celebrate together!'" Mt 25:23 NLT*
- We must invest in the Bank of Heaven

“Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. (Matthew 6:19-21 NIV)



Testimony:
It is our only
COW...

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GIVE YOURSELF

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And they exceeded our expectations: They gave themselves first of all to the Lord, and then by the will of God also to us.

- 2 CORINTHIANS 8:5 NIV



IV. Practical Implications for Christians Today

« Quand la pauvreté frappe à la porte l'amour
s'enfuit par la fenêtre. » (Proverbe africain)

« When poverty knocks
at the door, love flees
through the window. »

(African proverb)

And he answering said,
Thou shalt love the Lord thy God
with all thy heart, and with all thy soul,
and with all thy strength,
and with all thy mind;
and thy neighbour as thyself.

Luke 10:27

2 keys:

1) Love God

2) Love your neighbor

He has told you, O man,
what is good; and what
does the Lord require of
you but to do justice,
and to *love kindness*
and to walk humbly
with your God?

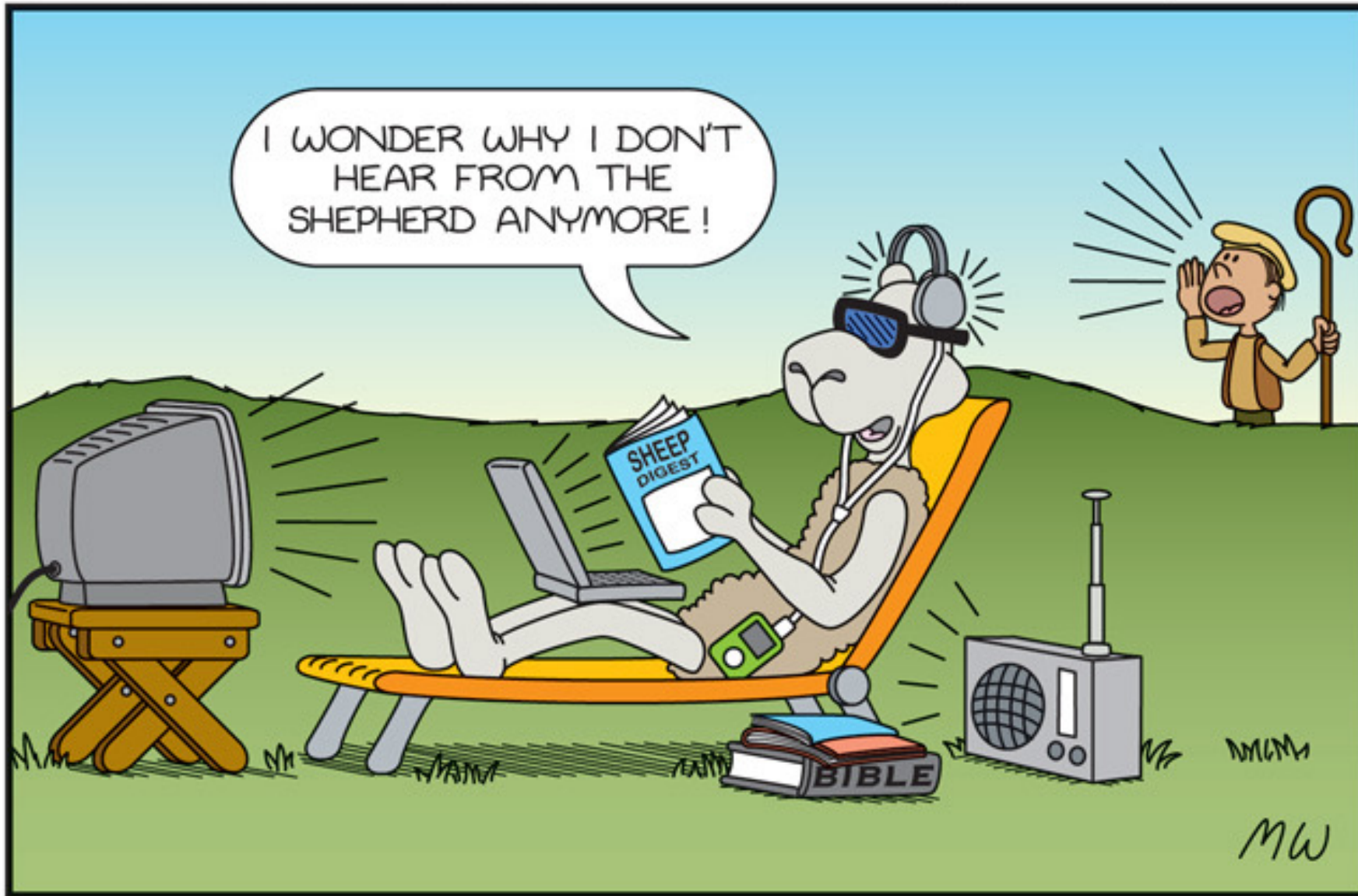
MICAH 6:8

3 responses:

- **Re-examination**
- **Repentance/praise**
- **Return to orthodoxy
and orthopraxis**

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My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me.

- JOHN 10:27 NIV

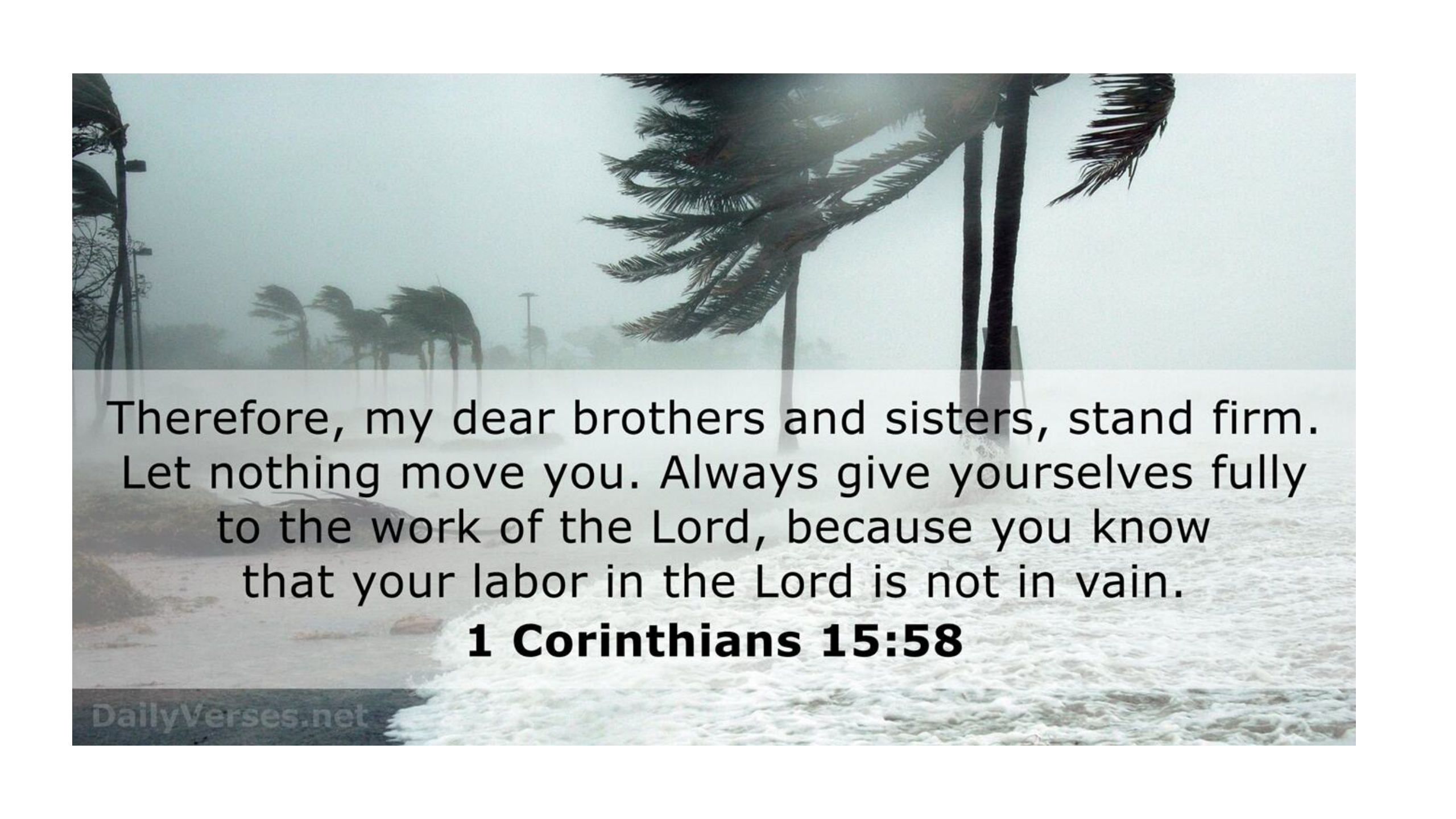


CONCLUSION

A bag of gold in heaven?



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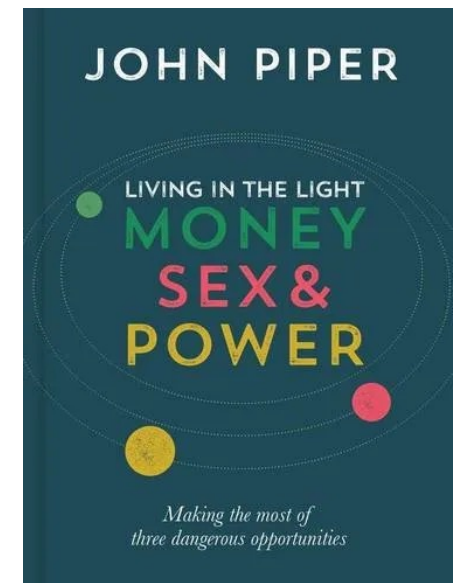
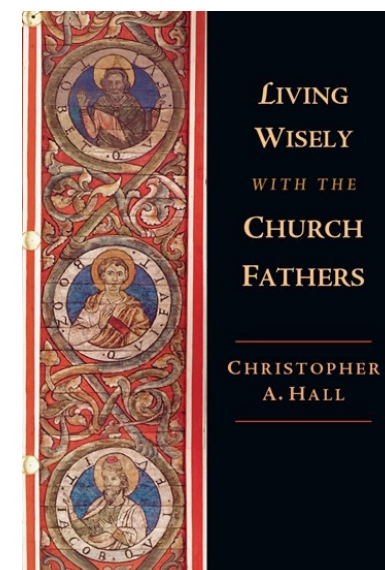
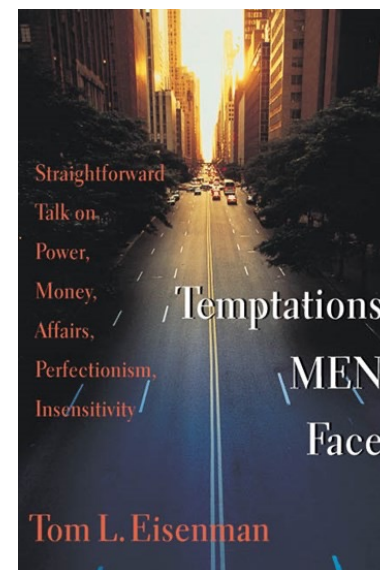
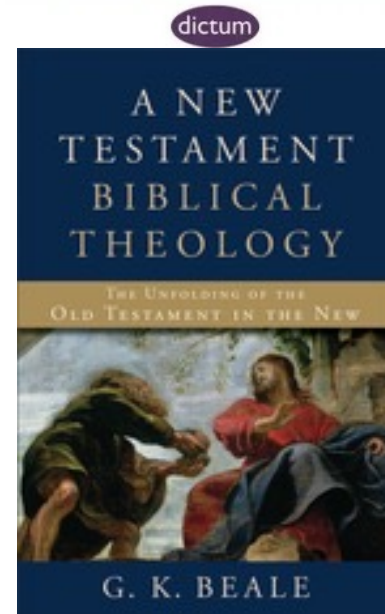
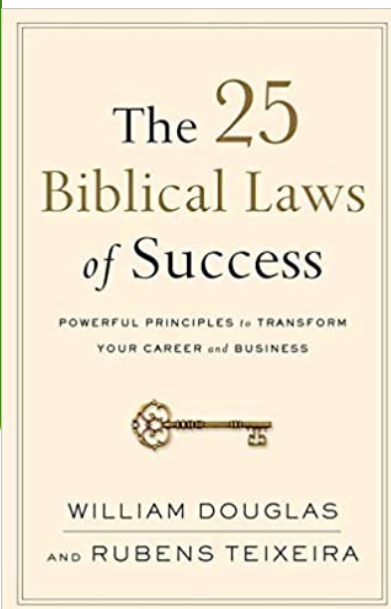
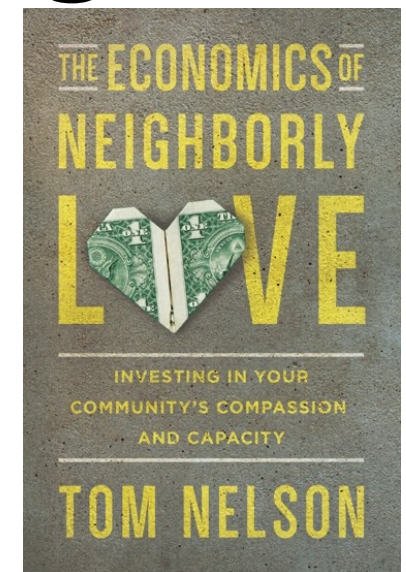
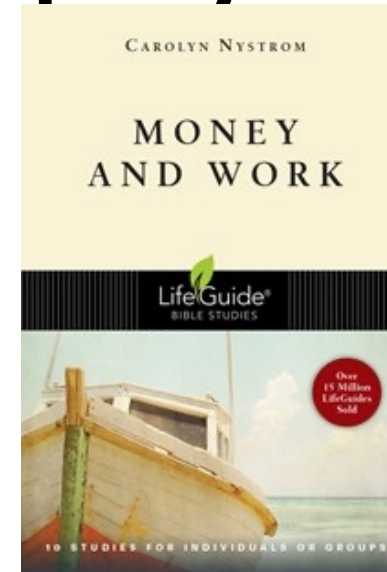
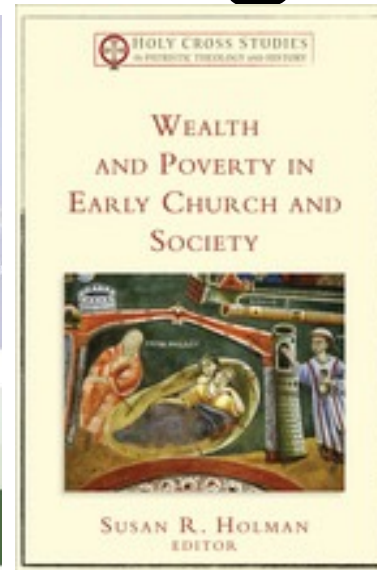
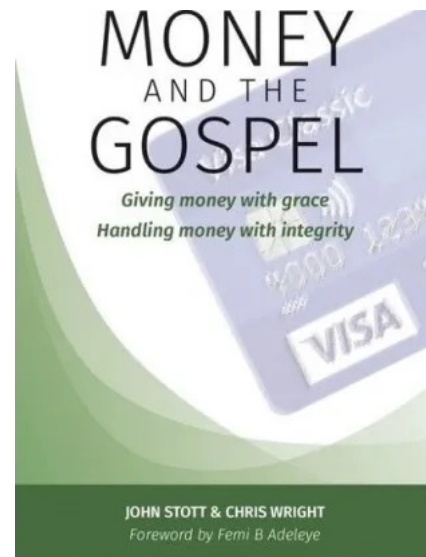
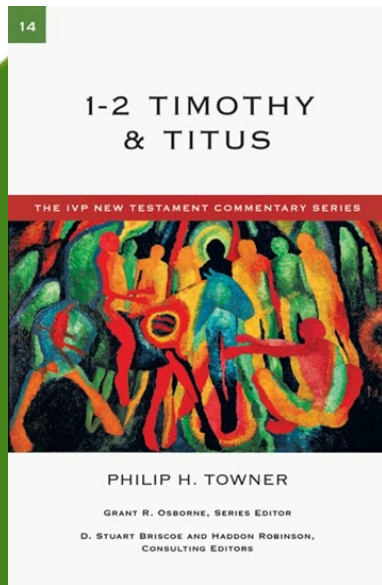


Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm.
Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully
to the work of the Lord, because you know
that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.

1 Corinthians 15:58

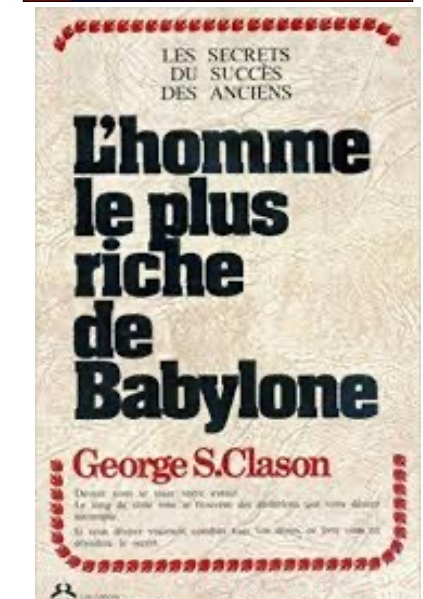
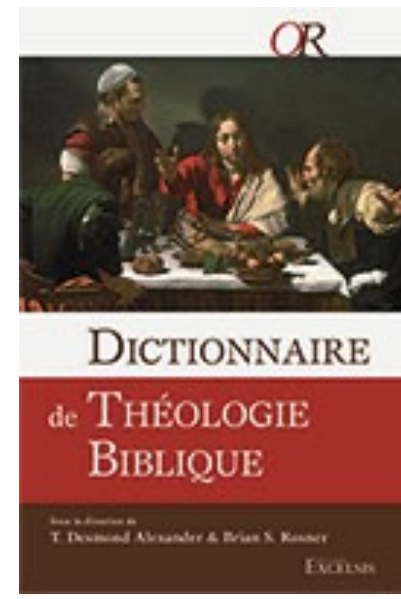
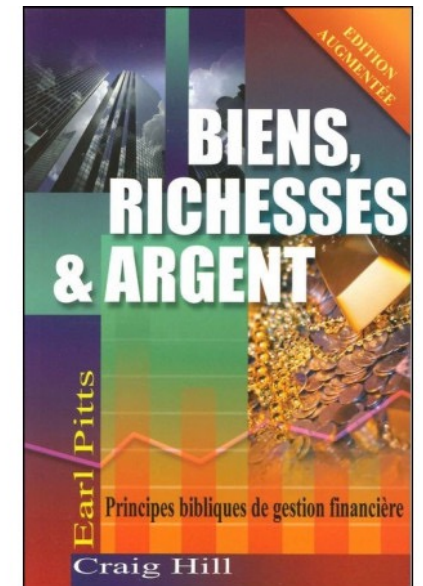


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