

Scriptural Thinking

Ownership: Lord, You own the world and everything in it. All I have belongs to You including my money, my life, my family. (Ps. 24:1; 1 Chron. 29:14, 16)

Material Blessings: Thank You, God of creation for all the good things You have richly provided for our enjoyment – for food, clothing, and home; for entertainment and for each other; for _____ (list your specific blessings). Help me hold these things loosely, honoring You by using them for Your eternal purposes. (1 Tim. 4:4, 6:17; 1 Cor. 7:30-31)

Gratitude: Thank You, Father, for the indescribable gift of Your Son! Thank You that Your divine power has given us everything we need for life and godliness through the knowledge of Him. (2 Cor. 9:15; 2 Pet. 1:3)

Contentment and Trust: Father, forgive me for worrying that I might not have enough to live on. For worrying that what You will provide to me is will not be as much as I want and that I will be somehow unfulfilled as a result. I see evidence of Your faithfulness all around me. I choose now to stop worrying and instead to ask You for _____ (tell Him what you want and what you need). Thank You for always providing exactly what I need. (Mt. 6:25-31; Prov. 30:8-9; Phil. 4:6,19)

Lordship: I resolve never to trust in wealth or to let it master me. You are my only Lord. (Ps. 49:12, 16-17; Prov. 11:28; Mt. 6:24)

Scriptural Living

Eternal Priorities: Lord, I choose not to set my heart on the world and its passing desires, especially _____ (list the worldly things that lure you). I will love You above all by seeking first Your kingdom and Your righteousness knowing that You will grant me all other good things as well. (1 Jn. 2:15-17; Mt. 6:33)

Stewardship: I relinquish my owner mentality, and I recognize that all that I have comes from You. I will faithfully manage what You have entrusted to me, trying to use it as You would use it. (Mt. 25:14-30; 1 Cor. 4:2)

Work: Lord, thank you that work is not a punishment, but a means by which I participate with You in accomplishing worthwhile things that benefit others – including my family. Thank You for giving me the abilities I use in my work. (Gen. 2:15)

Work Ethic: Lord, I commit now to work with all my heart, not to win the favor of men, but in service to You. My work is one of the ways that I worship You. May the quality of my work bring glory and honor to Your name. (Col. 3:22-24)

Provision for Family: I resolve to trust you with my family and their future. I will not neglect my family. As I work faithfully, grant me the means to join You in supplying what they need. (1 Tim. 5:8)

Borrowing: Lord I trust Your word that says the borrower is slave to the lender. Thank You for providing through Your Spirit the fruit of self-control. I choose to delay buying what I don't need until You supply the money. I commit to freeing myself from all outstanding debts except the continuing debt of love. (Prov. 22:7; Gal. 5:22-23; Ro. 13:8)

Honesty: Lord, I refuse to pursue any form of dishonest gain, because ill-gotten treasures are ultimately of no value. I especially need help with _____ (tell Him about any current temptations). (Ex. 20:15; Prov. 10:2; Ro. 13:6-7)

Patience: I need wisdom, God, to resist the lure of get-rich-quick schemes, which lead to poverty. Provide me with restraint to gather the money I need little by little. (Prov. 13:11, 23:4, 28:19-20)

Scriptural Giving

Giving Joyfully: Father, I choose to give cheerfully and willingly, just as You have given so cheerfully and willingly to me. (2 Cor. 9:7; Eph. 5:1-2)

Tithing: God give me the will and the heart to trust You with 1/10th of my income as You have commanded. I resolve to become a tither in 2009 and to expectantly watch as You faithfully throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out Your blessings on me. (Gen. 14:20; Lev. 27:30; Mal. 3:10)

Giving Firstfruits: Lord, I will honor You by giving the first and best of all my income, not my leftovers. (Prov. 3:9; Mal. 1:6-8, 3:10; 1 Cor. 16:2)

Giving to the Local Church: You have instructed us to support those in ministry so they can devote all of their gifts and time to ministry. Lord, as our church is the New Testament version of the Old Testament storehouse may my tithes and offerings enable them to serve You more fully as they advance Your kingdom locally and abroad. (1 Cor. 9:11-14)

Giving Sacrificially: In light of Your love and in gratitude for You first giving sacrificially to me, it is a privilege to give sacrificially. Teach me the joy of sacrificing my wants to help provide for the needs of others. (Mk. 12:41-44; 2 Cor. 8:1-4)

Giving for God's Glory: Father, You are the One who makes me rich in every way so that I can always be generous. I want my generosity to result in thanksgiving and glory to You, not to me. (2 Cor. 9:11; Mt. 6:1)

Scriptural Investing

Saving: Just as the ant prepares for the future, I will put aside money for future expenditures that will honor You, including _____ (list the things you need to save for) (Prov. 6:6-8)

Financial Investment: My Master I will invest in worthwhile companies and endeavors that benefit others, not merely what offers the highest returns. And I will seek to use those profits to profit Your Kingdom's work. (Mt. 25:24-27)

Treasure in Heaven: I gladly store up for myself treasures in heaven, where nothing can destroy them or take them away. I choose to shift the focus of my heart from earthly possessions that do not last, toward heaven, where my home and my lasting treasure are with You. (Mt. 6:19-21; Heb. 11:16)

Now is the Moment

for the Windwood family of faith to show

Our Grateful Response

by applying God's word to our finances ...
to stand together, giving our first fruits joyfully ...
expectantly working with our Lord to create the future
that God intends for us!