

Additional Readings, Resources, and Books

Readings that I would recommend for further insight are as follows:

Money, Possessions and Eternity, Randy Alcorn, (Tyndale House Publishers)

- This book is a classic on wealth and the responsibilities that go along with it. It includes practical guidelines to family inheritance issues and puts the whole money thing into perspective. If I could only read one book on the subject, this is it.

Wealthy and Wise, Claude Rosenberg, Jr., (Little, Brown and Company)

- Written from a Jewish perspective, Claude Rosenberg explains why charitable giving is not only a sensible solution to today's most pressing problems, but a sound personal investment as well.

Trust God For Your Finances, Jack Hartman, (Lamplight Publications)

- Written by a businessman, this book is one of the most scripturally exhaustive books on the subject of finances I have found. It will help people escape from financial problems. Jack Harman was close to a nervous breakdown before he discovered the secrets of wealth.

Rich Dad, Poor Dad, Robert Kiyosaki, (Warner Books and Time Warner Audio Books)

- This bestseller discusses lessons learned by a man who had two father figures. One was highly educated and poor all his life, and the other uneducated, but learned the secrets of wealth. Kiyosaki had to learn whose advice worked and why. Sound principles and easy reading, this book makes a lot of sense, but comes up short when it comes to what to do with it after you make it.

Freedom of Simplicity, Richard Foster, (Harper Collins Publishers)

- One of the best authors on the subject, Richard Foster discusses issues of simplifying life in a high tech world, with many practical issues discussed. One of the major books that changed my life and priorities.

Safe Strategies for Financial Freedom, Van Tharp, D.R. Barton, Jr., and Steve Sjoggerud, McGraw Hill, c.2004.

- This book is an excellent resource on discovering how financial freedom is within the grasp of anyone. Wealthy people have learned that money can work for them, instead of them working for it all their lives. This is a practical book I gave to all my children to read.

The Supreme Beatitude, Earl V. Pierce, Flemming H. Revell Co, c.1947.

- This out of print book is about the best of all books on the Christian use of money and life. The primary message of the Bible is that we are made in God's image to give and are blessed by giving. If you can find a copy, it is worth having in any permanent library.

The Treasure Principle, Randy Alcorn, Multnomah Publishing, 2001.

- This book focuses on the eternal benefits which are based on Biblical teaching.

Rich God, Poor God, Dr. John Avanzini, Abel Press 2001.

- God does not want us to live in poverty, but wants to bless us both spiritually and economically. This book balances both in a challenging way so we don't put God in a box, and allow Him to provide in greater ways than we ever imagined.

Your Money Counts, Howard Dayton, Crown Financial Ministries 1996.

- This is a biblical guide to earning, spending, investing, giving, and getting out of debt that is the best resource I know.

A Life God Rewards, Bruce Wilkinson, Multnomah Publishing, 2002. "Why everything you do today matters forever"

- This book presents in detail the biblical teaching of rewards that is so misunderstood and ignored by the Church today.

Thank you for your interest in this study and I hope you will find the additional reading list helpful.

Sincerely,

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