

## Household Finances

Money is one of the most difficult things for people to handle rightly. God constantly warns us about the worship of Mammon, yet unlike other idols, money is something that we are required to handle on a daily basis. Therefore getting money without letting money get us is an ongoing struggle. There are things we can do to help combat the temptation of worshiping our bank account. First, remember that both the material goods and our ability to acquire them are the gifts of God. Second, be generous in giving to those in need and to the funding of the Lord's work. Our hearts follow our treasure and when we are storing it up by contributing to His kingdom, rather than our personal empire, our affections for Heaven grow stronger than our love of this world. Finally, be honest and fair in all business transactions. Finding bargains is one thing, but deceiving people or taking advantage is the kind of thing that reveals a much greater love for money than for people or God. So the exhortation is to be grateful, generous and honest in all financial dealings.