

The Greater Bethlehem Temple Apostolic Church Consecration and Solemn Assembly

Controlling Scriptures for Tuesday, January 10th, 2023

Day 2. Wealth & Finances ... Deut. 8:18

Deut. 8:18 — *But thou shalt remember the LORD thy God: for it is he that giveth thee power to get wealth, that he may establish his covenant which he sware unto thy fathers, as it is this day.*

Scriptural Prayers for Your Finances

Sound Thinking

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

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

God's generosity. 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)

Gratitude. Lord, as I come to know You and Your ways, I am continually grateful for all things and for every circumstance — even the difficulties You allow for my growth. I will give You thanks every day. Today I'm grateful for _____. (Eph. 5:20; 1 Thess. 5:18; Job 1:21)

Contentment and trust. Father forgive me for worrying that I might not have enough to live on. 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 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 Master. (Ps. 49:12, 16-17; Prov. 11:28; Mt. 6:24)

Sound Living

Stewardship. I relinquish my owner mentality, that I might faithfully manage what You have entrusted to me, remembering always that I am accountable to You for its use. (Mt. 25:14-30; 1 Cor. 4:2)

Work ethic. Lord, I commit now to work with all my heart, not to win the favor of men, but with sincerity of heart and reverence for You. It is You that I am serving. (Col. 3:22-24)

Provision for family. I will not neglect my family. As I work faithfully, grant me the means to supply what they need. (1 Tim. 5:8)

Borrowing. Lord, 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. (Gal. 5:22-23; Prov. 22:7; Ro. 13:8)

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)

Sound 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)

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 sacrificially. In light of Your love, it's a privilege to give even out of poverty. I choose to trust You enough to give even beyond my apparent ability. (Mk. 12:41-44; 2 Cor. 8:1-4)

Supporting ministry. You have instructed us to support those in ministry. May my gifts enable them to serve You more fully as they advance Your kingdom locally and abroad. (1 Cor. 9:11-14)

Helping the needy. Lord, with the compassion You have put in me, I will give generously, without a grudging heart, to those in need — whether in my community or around the world. When I give to the poor, I'm ministering to You. Whom do You want me to help today. (Jas. 2:15-16; Dt. 15:10; Prov. 19)

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)

Sound Investing

Spending. Because everything I have is Yours, I will seek Your glory in every financial decision. Specifically, _____ (consult Him about the decisions you're making now). (1 Chron. 29:11; Prov. 3:6; 1 Cor. 10:31)

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, are there areas in which You want me to take obedient risks with the wealth You have entrusted to me, in order to bring a return that will serve You and Your kingdom? (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 toward heaven, where my home and my lasting treasure are — with You. (Mt. 6:19-21; Heb. 11:16)

Investing in people. Lord, how can I most effectively invest my worldly wealth in people, so that when it is gone and this life is over, they might join me in heaven? (Lk. 16:9)