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The earth is the LORD's, and all its fullness, The world and those who dwell therein. 2 For He has founded it upon the seas, And established it upon the waters. Psalms 24:1-2

Gen 1:26-31

26 Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." 27 So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. 28 Then God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth."

29 And God said, "See, I have given you every herb that yields seed which is on the face of all the earth, and every tree whose fruit yields seed; to you it shall be for food. 30 Also, to every beast of the earth, to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, in which there is life, I have given every green herb for food"; and it was so. 31 Then God saw everything that He had made, and indeed it was very good. So the evening and the morning were the sixth day. NKJV

Eccl 5:9-10

9 Moreover the profit of the land is for all; even the king is served from the field.

10 He who loves silver will not be satisfied with silver; Nor he who loves abundance, with increase. This also is vanity.

- ✓ “ Moreover it is required in stewards that one be found faithful.” I Cor. 4:2
- ✓ Nothing that is God’s is obtainable by money. Tertullian
- ✓ He that serves God for money will serve the devil for better wages. Sir Robert L’Estrange
- ✓ Jesus talked much about money. Sixteen of the thirty-eight parables were concerned with how to handle money and possessions. In the Gospels, an amazing one out of ten verses deal directly with the subject of money.
- ✓ The Bible offers 500 verses on prayer, less than 500 verses on faith, but more than 2,000 verses on money and possessions. Howard L. Dayton, Jr.

❖ Money is a means of exchange

***Money will buy a bed but not sleep; books but not brains; food but not appetite; finery but not beauty; a house but not a home; medicine but not health; luxuries but not culture; amusements but not happiness; religion but not salvation—a passport to everywhere but heaven. Voice in the Wilderness***

❖ Money is a measuring rod of one’s faithfulness

***Prosperity has not been kind to the American family. It breeds short, shallow roots. Fragile anchors. It’s not that prosperity and wealth are inherently evil. They aren’t. But their presence constantly tempts us to believe we are secure without God and that Money***

*can be an adequate substitute for real family values.  
Robert Lewis.*

❖ Money is a method of control

**For every verse in the Bible that tells us the benefits of wealth, there are ten that tell us the danger of wealth. Haddon Robinson**

❖ Money is a manner of testing one's heart.

**God entrusts us with money as a test; for like a toy to the child, it is training for handling things of more value. Fred Smith.**

Eccl 5:9-15

9 Moreover the profit of the land is for all; even the king is served from the field.

10 He who loves silver will not be satisfied with silver; Nor he who loves abundance, with increase. This also is vanity.

11 When goods increase, They increase who eat them; So what profit have the owners Except to see them with their eyes?

12 The sleep of a laboring man is sweet, Whether he eats little or much; But the abundance of the rich will not permit him to sleep.

13 There is a severe evil which I have seen under the sun: Riches kept for their owner to his hurt. 14 But those riches perish through misfortune; When he begets a son, there is nothing in his hand. 15 As he came from his mother's womb, naked shall he return, To go as he came; And he shall take nothing from his labor Which he may carry away in his hand.