

# How Much Money Is Too Much Money?

There is no reason for Christians to be fearful of finances, but it is essential that instead of fear they have wisdom, discernment and biblical understanding.

The Lord looks at the hearts of His followers, searching for ones He knows can be trusted to further His kingdom utilizing finances that He blesses them with.

This is a great responsibility, one that should be taken seriously, and when using the resources the Lord blesses one with for His purposes and glory, is there such thing as too much money?

Financial expert and Pastor Jim Baker of Zion Christian Fellowship in Powell, Ohio, recently sat down with Charisma News to address this very topic, Christians and the money God entrusts them with.

“Christians are more afraid of finances than they are the mark of the beast,” claims Baker.

“Here’s the thing: more money equals more impact. For the believer, we’re blessed to be a blessing. You know what that means? You first must be blessed. It’s hard to fill up someone else’s cup if your pitcher’s empty. It’s hard to go into all the world if you can’t afford to go to the store... [even] Jesus had a treasurer,” explains Baker.

“We’re not talking about building wealth for wealth’s sake. We’re not trying to get enough money so we don’t have to trust God. God is looking for people who love not the world, so [He] can trust them with the things of this world,” adds Baker.

The world is a “bigger” place than it was during the days of

the disciples. With instant communication and faster travel options than they could ever imagine, Christians are able to go into areas that were previously off limits before in days of old. Christians are called to take part in and revolutionize the business, political and cultural worlds that desperately need revival.

God has remained unchanging in His desire to have believers grow His kingdom on earth, says Baker, and it is up to Christians to engage with the world and utilize the resources God blesses us with in a wise and biblical manner: "God has [a] kingdom. It's an unshakeable kingdom that [is] supposed to stay unchanging, because God is unchanging. And God is the source. Everything else is just a resource, and the source never changes," says Baker.

How Christians use the resources God gives them, however, is up to the condition of their heart according to Baker.

"Money is neutral. Money is not evil ... Money takes on the character of whoever is holding it. So, if someone is greedy and they get more money, it only amplifies what is already in their heart. If someone is generous and they get more money, it only amplifies what's already in there ... The only thing in this equation that can change is you. So that's good news because you can learn how to tap into these kingdom principles, and how to have money, to turn those dollars into soldiers to accomplish kingdom purposes," Baker explains.

If a Christian has their eyes and heart set on growing the kingdom of God above all things, and is entrusted with wealth for that very purpose, is there such a thing as too much resources to grow the kingdom?

Joseph had almost unlimited resources and wealth at his disposal in the kingdom of Egypt, and Esther was queen over a nation, but they both placed the will of God at the forefront of their hearts.

When it comes to wealth, finances and investments, it behooves every Christian to take an introspective look at their own heart and motivation behind success. Is God and growing His kingdom the driving forces behind the desire for success? Or does the thought of having more money bring with it a false sense of security?

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## **‘Tucker on Twitter’ Exposes the Corruption Christians Must Pray Against**

In today’s world, the warnings of woes and judgement as described in the book of Isaiah provide a roadmap for today’s geo-political, social and economic deceptions told to the citizens of the world.

As politicians, unelected bureaucrats, business executives, celebrities and media personalities delve deeper into haughty attitudes that glorify themselves and their respective agendas, God is being willfully removed from the heart of society.

This has led to immense corruption and abuse of power and station across the board of politics, economics and even, sadly, the church.

No one is allowed to question the motive or reasoning behind actions anymore, and this is perhaps why Tucker Carlson was removed from his top-rated primetime news program on Fox News. Because he started asking the questions that were not allowed.

Yet in the wake of his departure, a new avenue of media was made available for the message he was spreading, a message that millions have begun flocking to in the hopes of hearing something they had taken from them years ago: truth.

The debut episode of “Tucker on Twitter” had been seen on Twitter, in the first 24 hours, over 87.2 million times and still growing.

*Ep. 1*

*– Tucker Carlson (@TuckerCarlson) June 6, 2023*

According to Associated Press, Carlson’s average viewership for 2022 was million.

Why are people flocking to Carlson’s new show?

Well, because he is asking questions and challenging the narrative pushed by corrupt media conglomerates and government officials.

With the Ukraine and Russia conflict dominating the mainstream media, which many consider to be outright propaganda outlets today, Carlson challenges the narrative that Zelensky is this righteous saint who can do no wrong because he is fighting the all-powerful evil that is Putin’s Russia.

But just because Putin is an adversary, does that make Zelensky good?

Highlighting the recent breach of the Kakhovka dam in southern Ukraine, Carlson simply asks logical questions to try and get to a logical answer. This has made him an enemy to many.

“The question is, who did it?” asks Carlson during the debut of “Tucker on Twitter.”

“The Kakhovka dam was effectively Russian. It was built by the

Russian government, and it currently sits in Russian controlled territory. The dam's reservoir supplies water to Crimea, which has been, for the last 240 years, home of the Russian Black Sea Fleet. Blowing up the dam may have been bad for Ukraine, but it hurts Russia more, and for precisely that reason, the Ukrainian government has considered destroying it," explains Carlson.

When dealing with a corrupt system however, people are not allowed to ask these questions or they will be cancelled and removed from their positions and their livelihoods threatened.

Except now there is a revolt against these corrupt demagogues who seek to control the information Americans receive.

Over the past weekend, Matt Walsh of The Daily Wire's documentary "What is a Woman?" and the corresponding tweet promoting the free viewing of the film, has been viewed to date a total of 179.4 million times.

*It's the movie they really don't want you to see:  
#WhatIsAWoman?*

*Watch the explosive documentary starring @MattWalshBlog FREE  
on Twitter for 24 hrs.*

*– Daily Wire (@realDailyWire) June 2, 2023*

This is after now-former Twitter executives tried to restrict its viewing audience before Elon Musk became involved in the controversy. Musk even went on to pin the tweet on his personal page.

This spirit of censorship, of restricting information from getting to the people to make informed decisions, is the same tactic that the USSR and Communist China employed over the years.

Many citizens are not even aware of what is taking place outside their own sphere that is controlled by the major media and social media conglomerates. That is precisely why Tucker Carlson took his new show to Twitter, because of Musk's promises of free speech and debate on the digital town hall platform.

There is much more than the suppression of free speech and censorship, however, that Christians must engage in spiritual warfare.

There is the mutilation and chemical castration of children; the integrity of U.S. elections; the uncontrolled spending of the government that may very well crash the U.S. dollar someday soon; the growing influence of unelected NGO's over American policy; and the rumors of wars across the globe. All of these things, and more, are in dire need of prayer from Christians around the world.

Prayers of exposure, of light shining into darkness and revealing the true nature of what is going on behind closed doors will foil the plans of the devil. But it will take action, boldness and courage on the part of Christians who choose to stand up for the principles of God, instead of bending to the ways of the world.

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# Spiritual Fight' for America

The story of Calvary Chapel and Pastor Chuck Smith opening the doors to the socially rejected hippies led by Frisbee resonated with Christians across the country, as America is enduring the same spiritual drought as the 1960s and 70s. People want what Jesus offers, the quenching waters of eternal life that come with inviting Him into one's heart.

Laurie has been continuing that call from the Great Commission for over 50 years, and discerning just how deeply "Jesus Revolution" resonated with people, wants to give them the opportunity to be baptized as Jesus commanded in the same spot he surrendered all those years ago.

"We'll be here, [at] Pirate's Cove for the Jesus Revolution Baptism," says Laurie on location.

"If you've not been baptized, make plans to join us," Laurie encourages viewers.

Joining Laurie will be a multitude of different churches and ministries who will take part in the event.

Following in the footsteps of John the Baptist, Laurie is making this baptism public, open to all who seek forgiveness of their sins or are simply curious about who this Jesus really is.

Pirates Cove was the site for the recent event "Baptize SoCal," which saw more than 4,000 people baptized in the name of Jesus.

As reported by the Christian Post, "Pastor Mark Francey, one of the lead pastors of California-based Oceans Church and one of the people behind the event, told The Christian Post that God gave him the vision to do the event during 'a prayer time back in May of 2022.'"

These movements that are furthering the gospel fall in line with the words of Evangelist Nick Hall of Pulse Ministries following the outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Asbury University: “God is moving. It’s not over. It’s just starting,” Hall shared. “I only left Asbury because I felt like I had to bring it home.”

Like Hall, many who visited Asbury felt rejuvenated and renewed by the Holy Spirit and understood the urgency that this outpouring is not meant to die—it is meant to spread.

Now that fire is spreading with mass baptism events, college campuses hosting ministry events and crusades such as evangelists Mario Murillo and Greg Laurie hold frequently include thousands coming forward for the living waters of Jesus Christ.

Pray that this fervor for Jesus continues, and instead of blocking the workings of the Holy Spirit, believers embrace the gifts of the Helper sent by Jesus with open arms and receptive hearts.

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## **Overcoming the 3 Reasons You Are not Prospering**

Finances are often a touchy subject for people.

The topic itself conjures images of preachers putting money before God and using their congregations to enrich only themselves.

While the Bible warns against the love of money many times, throughout the Old and New Testaments the Word of God confirms that the Lord wants to bless His people for their faith in Him.

Financial expert and Pastor Jim Baker recently sat down with Charisma News to share three reasons he believes a Christian may not be receiving the full blessings of the Lord in their life.

#### ▪ **A Lack of Knowledge**

“One of the reasons Christians are not prospering is they lack knowledge,” says Baker. “‘My people perish for a lack of...’ didn’t say lack of faith, doesn’t say lack of money, doesn’t say lack of time, people perish for a lack of knowledge.

“Financial knowledge acts as a ceiling to somebody’s financial growth. ... If you want to have a greater [number] of resources for the King in His kingdom, you need to increase your ability, you need to increase your financial knowledge. As you increase it, it doesn’t take money to make money. It takes money to invest money,” he adds.

#### ▪ **The Spirit of Mammon**

“I would lump that [the love of money] under the spirit of Mammon. Mammon tries to get you to look to money the way you’re supposed to look to God, right?” asks Baker.

“Here’s an example: If you feel more significant and more secure when you’ve got more money in your checking account, that’s the spirit of Mammon because your security and your significance are supposed to come from God,” explains Baker.

“You can see how sneaky this thing is, it really influences. It’s the spiritual influence behind money that God talks about, and that Jesus talks about in Matthew 6.

“It’s like a two-sided coin. There’s fear on the one side that

says there's not going to be enough, and on the other side, there's greed, which is the same message [that] there's not enough. We need to break that because God's supernatural cannot flow into that fear and worry. Fear and worry are the symptoms of the spirit of Mammon," says Baker.

### ▪ **Not Having a Financial Map**

"No NFL team goes into the Super Bowl and they're like, 'Hey, let's just line up on the line of scrimmage. Let's just pray in the Spirit and see what happens,' right? No one is doing that," says Baker.

"We all love Jeremiah 29: had a plan for Joseph and how he was going to prosper during those seven years of plenty so that he could save the world during the time of famine. He had a specific plan," Baker explains.

"God has a plan for you, and how you're going to prosper. So, the wealth map than your financial plan. It's not a way to build up wealth in the first place. So, a wealth map is not how you are going to start with point A and get to point Z. It is, how are you going to get the provision for your vision? What are the action steps? How are you going to do it? How do you reliably build wealth using timeless biblical truths and proven financial principles customized to you? That's your wealth mapping," says Baker.

To learn more about building wealth along biblical principles to help grow the kingdom of God, sign up for the free online workshop with Pastor Jim Baker on Wednesday, June 7 at noon and 8 p.m. (EST).

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# Satanist Designer Denounces Target for Pulling Collection from Stores

Target is reeling amid continued backlash and boycotts across the country.

The retailer's stock has shed \$13 billion in value according to Bloomberg.

Target has long been a proponent of the transgender movement, allowing men to use the women's bathroom back in April, 2016. Now, when news broke that Target was working with a "trans-satanist" designer and was targeting children with items such as "tuck-friendly" swimwear and chest binders, people finally stood up and said they were done with the store.

To celebrate "Pride month," Target teamed up with UK-based company Abprallen, owned by trans-man (biological woman) Erik Carnell.

According to Carnell's business Instagram, much of the products Abprallen offered had satanic imagery and slogans on them such as "Satan Respects Pronouns."

In an interview with Reuters, Carnell lamented Target's decision to terminate their working relationship.

"It's a very dangerous precedent to set, that if people just get riled up enough about the products that you're selling, you can completely distance yourself from the LGBT community, when and if it's convenient," says Carnell. "If you're going to take a stance and say that you care about the LGBT community, you need to stand by that regardless."

Target is far from the only corporation trying to implement far-left ideologies into their marketing campaigns these days.

Bud Light is still reeling from teaming up with transgender influencer Dylan Mulvaney.

According to the New York Post, Anheuser-Busch, the parent company to Bud Light, has lost around \$27 billion due to the boycott from the Bud Light customer base.

Yet the boycotts have not stopped corporations from sponsoring Pride events, such as Bud Light and the Cincinnati Pride Parade.

Christians can wield a large amount of influence in the world, if they are willing to stand up for what the Bible says is right and moral before God. Doing so takes boldness and courage granted by the Holy Spirit, but Christians are called to stand firm on the Word of God while proclaiming the truth of Jesus Christ to the world.

When they do not take part in the cultural, economic and political arenas, Satan will take them over in the easiest battles of his existence.

Christian silence sees men and women become so confused they think they can alter their genders as they see fit, and corporations can push this belief onto their consumer base without resistance. As Paul wrote in Ephesians 5:11, "And do not have fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness; instead, expose them."

These acts are to be called out by Christians, in love. Target is simply the most recent attempt by Satan to infiltrate every aspect of American culture. He wants his image on every article of clothing sold across the nation, and it took Christians standing up against this invasion to stop it in its tracks.

There will be more battles like this one, and Christians can win them with the power of the Holy Spirit.

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# These Miraculous Events Prove the Perfect Unity of the Trinity

Even though we deserved the punishment due to our sin, as Scripture reveals, Jesus took our place and forgave our sins from the cross. He was buried in a tomb, and then the unexplainable happened—He rose from the dead!

On the third day after the crucifixion, Matthew 28:1-2 says, “At the end of the Sabbath, as it began to dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And then there was a great earthquake. For the angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone from the door and sat on it.”

Then, in verse 5, the angel says, “Do not be afraid. For I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified.” Then the angel instructed them (v. 7) to tell the disciples that Jesus rose from the dead. They departed quickly, “with fear and great joy” (v. 8) to tell the amazing news, and they encountered the risen Christ!

There were probably many thoughts running through the minds of these ladies who were sent from the tomb to go tell the disciples the great news, as they were overcome with excitement and emotion. A question that has been asked through the centuries is “Who raised Jesus from the dead?” And the Bible gives us these answers.

Scripture shows that:

1. God the Father raised Jesus from the dead. The apostle Paul said in Romans 6:4, "Therefore we were buried with Him by baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life." Also, our personal salvation hinges on confessing with our mouth that Jesus is Lord and believing in our hearts that God raised Jesus from the dead (see Rom. 10:9).
2. God the Holy Spirit raised Jesus from the dead. Romans 8:11 says, "But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead lives in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit that lives in you."
3. God the Son raised Himself from the dead. In the John 10:17-18, Jesus told His disciples, "Therefore My Father loves Me, because I lay down My life that I may take it up again. No one takes it from Me, but I lay it down Myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I received this command from My Father."

These were incredible and miraculous events that have shaped the course of history since. No other event or person in history has affected the world like Jesus and the events surrounding His birth, life, death and Resurrection.

The participation of the Trinity in the Resurrection of Jesus is truly miraculous and awe-inspiring. It reveals the unity of God, and how each person of the Trinity works together, being equal in divine perfection and attribute. They complemented one another's roles in raising Jesus from the dead (Open Bible Core Beliefs). Please reflect on this truth and marvel in its mystery as together we celebrate our Lord and Savior.

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## KFC Quiet on New Promotion of Demonic Diablo IV

Not wanting to fall into the same pit of boycotts and media attention that has gripped major corporations like Bud Light, Target and Kohl's, fast-food retailer Kentucky Fried Chicken has been quiet about their newest collaboration.

Partnering with video game giant Activision-Blizzard for the release of their upcoming title "Diablo IV," KFC is laying low about the campaign featuring the demon Lilith.

*@justinknoop KFC now Promoting Demons?? #kfc #demons #lilith #diabloIV #Deliverance ♪ original sound – Justin Knoop*

The subtle marketing campaign has made it so that people are not just given the Diablo IV themed items, but instead must link their account to their KFC account and order their food online.

☒ That is because they know just how their audience would react when they found out they are actively promoting perhaps the most satanic and spiritually oppressive game release to date.

Imagine how their customers across the country would react to being given Diablo IV themed wrappers after church on Sunday.

The Diablo series is nothing new to the video game world, as the first game came about in January of 1997, but during those days people were much less accepting of the openly satanic imagery and story the series is built upon.

Frankly, the United States was a much different place in the late 90s, but the spiritual seeds that were planted back then are now coming to fruition.

The occult, satanism and witchcraft along with radical gender ideologies that were once considered unimaginable are now mainstream and the dominating force in American culture today.

Now, it is so widely accepted in the U.S., KFC is confident in its marketing ploy to work with Activision-Blizzard in promoting the very real entity of the Lilith demon, as creature of the night mentioned in Isaiah 34.

For many who enjoy the Diablo series, it is not an intentional act to delve into satanism and demonism, it is an engaging game with fast-paced action that offers players the ability to create overpowered characters.

This digital world is often an escape for gamers, leaving behind a world that they may feel they have no place in or are struggling with their identity that can only be found in Jesus Christ.

☒ But it does not matter to Satan if they are ignorant of his plans or devices for them, his intent is still to kill, steal and destroy everything that God created. Including those who play video games.

Diablo IV is another method he is using to desensitize the masses to the reality of his being. And Christians need to be aware: This game is going to be a massive, worldwide release that celebrates Satan and the demon Lilith.

On June 6, 2023, (6/6/23 or  $6/6/2*3=6$  to arrive at '6-6-6' for

those who want to look deep into the date), there will be a massive spiritual attack that many will simply be unaware of with the release of this game.

The imagery, the pentagrams, the influence, the praise for a game so steeped in evil will resound throughout the spiritual realm, and it is the duty of Christians to engage it in spiritual warfare through prayer, fasting and intercession for those who know not what they do.

As the 'Watchmen on the Wall,' Christians must shine the light of Jesus on the darkness that is being spread by KFC. It is just as sinister as what Target, Kohl's and Bud Light have been doing, perhaps even moreso as they do not even try and disguise the evil within the game.

Christians must take up the full armor of God as detailed by the apostle Paul in Ephesians 6:10-18, so that when they engage in the spiritual warfare they called to partake in, they not only can withstand the attacks of the enemy, but overcome his schemes by the power of the Holy Spirit.

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## **Pastor Returns to Pulpit After Losing Daughter in Nashville School Shooting**

It has been two months since the tragic shooting at the Covenant School in Nashville, Tennessee.

Pastor Chad Scruggs, Senior Pastor at Covenant Presbyterian Church, lost his daughter Hallie in the shooting that claimed

the lives of two other 9-year-old students, Evelyn Dieckhaus and William Kinney, along with three staff members of the school: Mike Hill, Katherine Koonce and Cynthia Peak.

The shooter, former student and trans-identified activist Audrey Hale, was killed by responding law enforcement officers during the attack on March 27.

On Mother's Day, May 14, Pastor Scruggs took to the pulpit for the first time since losing Hallie and answered the question he and his family have been asked the most: How are you doing in the aftermath of this tragedy?

"The answer you'll typically get for us from us is, 'we don't know,'" Scruggs said. "It's not a bad question, [we] just don't know how to answer it yet—don't know how to judge what doing well is or doing not well.

"We're kind of searching for a new baseline in life right now," he adds.

Even in his grief, Pastor Scruggs spoke love over the congregation at the beginning of his sermon.

"First of all, we love you," says Scruggs. "'We loved you before March 27th and we love you more now because of how you've loved us, so ... we love you.'"

Scruggs then addressed what life was like after losing someone so precious to a family that it is akin to losing a piece of oneself.

"'How are you doing?' Well, we're learning to live with a part of us missing—like losing an arm, perhaps—knowing that the phantom pain of that lost arm will always be there with us," explains Scruggs.

"Just know that, from our perspective now, it feels impossible to ever pretend the arm will regenerate or that it will ever feel whole this side of heaven," he continues. "So, I'd say

we're learning to live with sadness and I would tell you that that's OK—you can do that—learning to live with sadness.”

Scruggs explained that his family was living out Isaiah 40:28-31, which reads:

“Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; His understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint, and to him who has no might He increases strength. Even youths shall faint and be weary, and young men shall fall exhausted; but they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.

“At this point,” he said, “[we’re] not yet soaring on wings like eagles, not running without weariness, but that third category, somewhere, trying to walk without fainting.”

Grief is no respecter of persons, as all Christians can expect to encounter it at some point in their life.

Pastor Bill Johnson of Bethel Church in Redding, California, shared his personal story of grief when his wife of 49 years, Benni, died from a long battle with cancer on July 13, of 2022.

Johnson shared invaluable, Spirit-inspired wisdom from the depths of his grief that he felt led to share with people around the world to help them during their times of sorrow.

“Pretending all is well when it isn’t doesn’t help. I must anchor my soul to who He is and what He has promised. Otherwise, I will spend my days wandering without a sense of purpose, never settling into why I am alive. Who He is remains the foundation of my life,” Johnson wrote in Charisma magazine.

“Pain, loss and disappointment are unavoidable in this life. If that weren’t true, there would be no reason for verses such as, ‘God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose’ (Rom. 8:28, NASB). This beautiful promise helps us to see that the master chef is able to take the worst parts of our lives and work them into a recipe, creating a masterpiece that illustrates His goodness.”

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