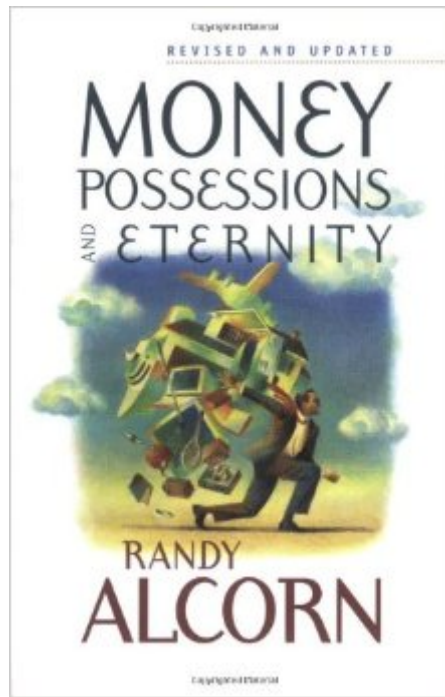


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# Money, Possessions, And Eternity



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Simply the best book on the subject. Be ready for a good spiritual punch in the gut. I buy numerous copies of these and constantly give them away to those I am close to. Chock full of scripture and wisdom. It's intention is not to instruct you on how to get out of debt or balance your check-book. Seek out Ron Blue or Larry Burkett's excellent resources for this. Alcorn lays out a view of the eternal promises of God (specifically related to the subject matter), challenges us to believe them and dramatically alter the way most American Christians live our lives. If you want the "Cliff's notes" version pick up Alcorn's "The Treasure Principle." If you want to go deep work your way through this gem.

It is very hard to find a better book on money than this. This book will challenge you and help transform you. It is for a disciple of the Jesus who really needs to and wants to discipline money to serve Jesus. But this book is \*not\* only about money. Alcorn clarifies that money should be seen through the lens of eternity. Money is God's resource, given to us to use for His purposes as His stewards. So if you believe that the gospel applies to how you handle money, then His disciples should apply the gospel to their use of money. God will ask us to account for how we used or misused it. Jesus is central to this book. It's why this book is only for the serious Christian. Of course, others may read it and think about and agree or disagree with it. But I challenge you to put the principles Alcorn shares into practice. They will make a difference to your walk with Jesus. This is one of those books where you should not expect to agree with Alcorn. Allow yourself a lot of time with this book. Alcorn's questions are searching and penetrating. Underlining and commenting on these pages has helped me immensely. I keep it as a reference volume on what the Bible says about money as a quick "go-to" guide. Is this book "entertaining"? No. Is this book "easy"? No. Is it important? Absolutely. It is meat in an age where instant gratification is the norm. This is solid food, for those who really want to follow Jesus.

Basically all I can say is that this book has changed my life. I have completely re-evaluated every possession I have and every dollar I spend and even the direction my life will take. It is quite deep and a tough read- it took me 8 months to work my way through it, but it was well worth it. This is a must read for anyone who wants to get serious about living the way God intends.

I'm currently in the middle of reading, "Money, Possessions, and Eternity" by Randy Alcorn. If you decide to read it, be sure to get the updated and revised edition. This is a most fantastic book in what it shares about a biblical approach to money and Christian financial management. I wish I had read this book years ago. I'm 59 pages into the nearly 500 page book. I have already had so many ah-ha moments that I've lost track of all of the insights I've gleaned from this book so far. I don't agree 100% with everything Alcorn says, and I don't worry about that. I never do completely agree with any writer. Alcorn says in the forward to his book, "There is something in this book to offend everyone. Some of it offends me--and I wrote it. Please understand that it is not my intention to insult or irritate anyone. Any offenses are simply the by-product of trying to be faithful to the principles of Scripture--which have an annoying tendency to take issue with the way we prefer to think and live. I have undoubtedly erred in some of my conclusions. I invite you to examine carefully the hundreds of passages cited, searching the Scripture like the Bereans, to see whether these

words are true. . . To the degree that my words do not match up to Scripture, they are worthless. To the degree that they stand up under the scrutiny of God's Word, they should be taken seriously."When I read these words, I knew I was in for an exciting read about what the Bible has to say about how we handle our money and material possessions.Many of us have struggled deeply with our finances. I think this is a "must read" book for all of us who want to use our money more wisely to impact this kingdom and the next.By the way, all of the royalties from Alcorn's books are given to Christian charities, ministries, and missions. He keeps none of it for himself. So far he has donated over \$500,000 to the Lord's work. In this book, he shares how this came about.

The premise of this book is simple: Where your focus is, there your heart will be also. It's based upon Jesus' promise to reward us for faithful stewardship. Since we own nothing, and everything we "think" we "own" is really God's (The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof), what we do with God's stewardship reflects where our focus is. If we focus on the here and now, then we'll look to maximize that. If we focus on the next 100 million years, and keep in perspective what He's taught us about His ownership of everything entrusted to us, then we'll behave differently, with an eye on the day that He will judge how we handled His people, His time, and His money. With that view of eternity in mind, we will get joy and liberation from giving rather than hoarding. We will first learn to tithe, then to give above and beyond. With an eternal focus, we'll be more insulated from the ad pitches and resultant buying desires beamed to us constantly. Randy Alcorn challenges us to set a top to our spending, and trust God for more income to GIVE rather than CONSUME. Why is America so blessed with wealth??? It's because He wants to use us a channels to other places He wants to work in. However, it depends on our obedience, which is somewhat dependent on our focus - either here and now, or forever. Take a walk around a cemetery - here and now doesn't last too long. Eternity is a long time. If you truly want to maximize your investments, choose the long term, not the short term.

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