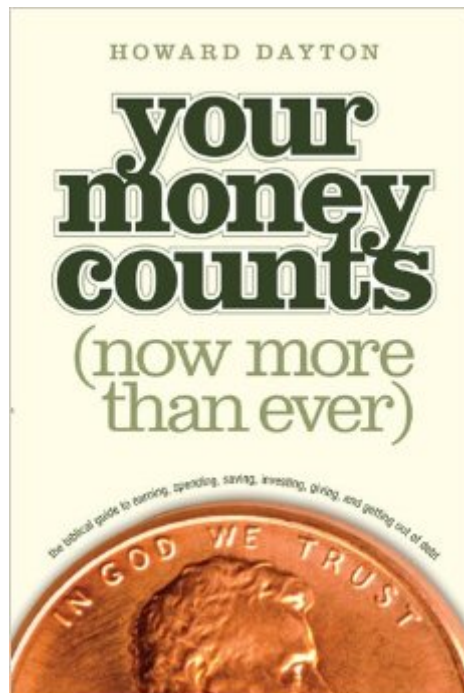


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# Your Money Counts: The Biblical Guide To Earning, Spending, Saving, Investing, Giving, And Getting Out Of Debt



## Synopsis

With the economy reeling in the wake of the recent recession, many people are experiencing such financial challenges as credit card debt, downsizing, dead-end jobs, and inadequate or depleted savings. With these challenges come others as well. Recent studies confirm that more than half of all divorces are the result of financial pressures at home. And spiritually, many people are struggling to maintain a biblical perspective amidst the constant tug of materialism. But there is hope. The Bible has a lot to say about money. In fact, the Bible is a veritable blueprint for managing your finances. In *Your Money Counts*, trusted financial expert Howard Dayton shows you how to manage your personal finances in a highly practical, biblically-based way.

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## Customer Reviews

I have read this book three times, and each time I do I pull some great nuggets of golden wisdom out of it. This book is an overview of the Crown Ministries study which works to implement biblical principles on money in churches. If you are able to participate in a Crown small group in your local area, I would highly recommend the 12 week study...The book promotes a balanced biblical view of becoming a faithful steward in the areas of spending, saving, giving, investing, seeking counsel, working, avoiding debt, honesty and teaching children. The chapter on honesty at work is particularly convicting. He writes that most people define honesty as what we can get away with, but the Bible always defines it as absolute faithfulness to the unvarnished truth. I really enjoyed the part of the book about work and becoming focused on a calling from God. Dayton studied for two years the 2300+ verses in the Bible on money. He writes with candor and humility. I like that he challenges Christians to look at their lifestyle based on being faithful to God, and not automatically raise it with

their income. Greed the silent sin is one of the most pervasive sins in our culture, he says. For anyone that is interested in becoming more faithful to God with their money, and would like to experience the peace and joy that comes from learning contentment, I would highly recommend this book. Ashley Hodge, CFPSouthlake, TX

This book is a thorough, Biblically based guidebook to personal finance. Everyone from the beginner to the financial expert will receive knowledge and wisdom from this book that could change their life. This book is useful for the Christian and non-Christian alike. Buy it now and stop worrying about your financial situation. This is not a book that just concentrates on making you rich, but a book that presents principles on finances that will change your attitude and your actions and lead you towards God's will in your finances.

I teach a seminar at our church on the Biblical approach to managing one's finances, and I use this book as a starting point. My students love it (one said she needs to go back and "marinate" in each chapter. Another pointed out that the while the title is "Your Money Counts", what he got from the book is "Y our Money Counts.") The bottom-line is that this book is an easy-read and makes it clear why God cares about our money matters, and it is equally clear how to apply those principles to succeed financially. I teach it once a year, and so far 90 students would vouch that what this book teaches works!

This gave us a whole new outlook on what belongs to God (everything) and what belongs to us (nothing). We are stewards of everything he gives us...from jobs to kids...from cars to money. We have just started the 10-week small group class with this as the main reading. I've read it once and plan on reading it again. I am also going to buy copies for my grown children and family members.

Two parts warning about the corrosive effect of debt, one part encouragement that such slavery can be overcome, Howard Dayton's manual to a better way of living is an almost constitutional document in the Christian financial ministry movement. Dayton is the founder of Crown Financial Ministries, the benchmark institution in what has become an effort to counteract the personal indebtedness that increasingly pervades Western economies. The book's subtitles cover the topics presented in seventeen brief, topical chapters. Dayton's no-nonsense style is softened by his transparency regarding his own one-time disorganized financial style. A box on the 'contrasts' between secular and biblical notions of finances and another on 'commitment' conclude most of the

chapters, crystallizing the teaching that preceded them and adding a practical feel to a book designed as a guide-book towards D-Day ('Debtless Day'). Dayton is convinced that Christians can and should make that journey. The webpage of Crown Financial Ministries (...) provides additional information and tools.

I recommend Howard Dayton's financial ministry, Crown.org, and books written by his late partner Larry Burkett. Very wise counsel. Both of them. *Your Money Counts* is an excellent book. Make sure you get the latest version when ordering.... it has a green and gold cover, with a small picture of money on the front. Date is from 1996. ISBN is: 0-9651114-0-7 make sure you get the latest copy. :)

I found this book to be an excellent resource and provided a great deal of insight into financial management based on a biblical model. I found that most of the financial advice the bible provides is based on foundations that are time tested and still relevant 2000 or more years later. Changing financial management habits are difficult because we hear society providing a different message. This book provides the model to get your personal priorities in order and your finances will follow.

This is a fantastic book. It's easy and enjoyable to read. It tells you all those common sense things about money that we often lose sight of in this world's culture of materialism and 'gotta have it now' attitudes. I've read it multiple times and it just keeps driving home those truths you need to be reminded of like figuring out contentment, the value to giving and saving, etc.

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