

Money Matters

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“τὴν φιλαργυρίαν μητρόπολιν πάντων τῶν κακῶν. [The love of money is the mother-city of all evils.]”

(Diogenes, *Apothegm*, c. 350BCE)

“ρίζα γὰρ πάντων τῶν κακῶν ἐστὶν ἡ φιλαργυρία. [The love of money is the root of all evil.]”

(I Timothy)

“My theme is alwey oon, and every was: Radix malorum est Cupidaitas. [the root of evil is love]”

(Chaucer, *The Pardoners Tale: Prologue*, c. 1386)

“Seith seint Paule, that “the rote of all harmes is Coveitise.” [St. Paul said that, “the root of all evil is desire.”]”

(Chaucer, *The Persones Tale*, c. 1386)

“The lack of money is the root of all evil.”

(Mark Twain [maybe])

“ἐπεὶ καὶ χρήματα εἶτια μὲν ἀγαθῶν, κακῶ δέ, ὥς ἔφη τις, κακῶν. [Money, it has been said, is the cause of good things to good people, and evil things to evil people.]”

(Philo, *De Plantatione*, c. 40CE)

“וא”ר יצחק לעולם ישליש אדם את מעותיו שליש בקרקע ושליש בפרקמטיא ושליש תחת ידו”
(Bava Metzia 42a, c. 450)

“Nullus tam parcus, quin prodigus ex alieno. [No one is so stingy that he will not be generous with another’s money.]”

(Cato, *Collectio Monostichorum*, c. 175 BCE)

“Sobre un buen cimientto se puedo levantar un buen edifica, y el mejor cimientto del mundo es el dinero. [On a good foundation a good building may be erected, and the best foundation in the world is money.]”

(Cervantes, *Don Quixote*, 1615)

“Tam malum est habere nummum, non habere quam malum est. [It is just as bad to have money as not to have it.]”

(Flours, *Epigrams*, c. 124CE)

“The love of money and the love of learning rarely meet.”

(Herbert, *Jacula Prudentum*, 1650)

“Imperat aut servit collecta pecunnia cuique. [Money will be slave or master.]”

(Horace, *Epistles*, 20BCE)

“L’argent est un bon serviteur, mais un méchant maître. [Money is a good servant, but a poor master.]”

(Bacon, *Aphorismi et Consillia*, c. 1626)

“Nec quicquam acrius quam pecunniae damnun stimulat. [Nothing stings more deeply than the loss of money.]”

(Livy, *History*, c. 10BCE)

“Pluratur lachrimis amissa pecunia veris. [Lost money is wept for with real tears.]”
(Juvenal, *Satires*, c. 120CE)

“Absolutely speaking, the more money the less virtue.”
(Thoreau, *Civil Disobedience*, 1849)

“Chi ha danari, trova cugini. [Who has money finds cousins.]”
(Italian proverb, quoted by Charles Cahier, *Quelques Six mille Proverbes*, 1856)

“No Chink, no drink.”
(Thomas Pecke, *Parnassi Peurperium*, 1659)

“They can find money for mischief, when they can find none to buy corn.”
(John Ray, *Adagia Hebraica*, 1678)

“χρήματ' ἀμύρη. [Money makes the man.]”
(Aristodemus, *Apothegm*, c. 730BCE)

“Divitiae virum faciunt. [Money makes the man.]”
(Latin proverb)

“אמר יהושע בן לוי כסף מטהר ממזרים”
(Kidushin 71a, c. 450)

“πρὸς οὐδὲν ἕτερον ἢ τὸ ἀριθμεῖν χρωμένους ὀρᾶν. [I never saw them (the Greeks) put their money to any use except to count it.]”

(Anacharsis, c. 600BCE)

“δόσις δ' ὀλίγη τε φίλη τε. [A gift, though small, is welcome.]”

(Homer, *Odyssey*, c. 850BCE)

“χαλεπὸν κεν ἀνήνασθαι δόσιν εἶη [It is no good thing to refuse a gift.]”

(Homer, *Odyssey*, c. 850BCE)

“κακοῦ γὰρ ἀνδρὸς δῶρ' ὀνησιν οὐκ ἐχει. [The gifts of a bad man bring no good with them.]”

(Euripides, *Medea*, c. 430BCE)

“I am not in the giving vein today.”

(Shakespeare, *Richard III*, 1592)

“When they will not give a doit to relieve a lame beggar, they will lay out ten to see a dead Indian.”

(Shakespeare, *Tempest*, 1611)

“Take egotism out, and you would castrate the benefactors.”

(Ralph Waldo Emerson, *Journals*, 1859)

“Philanthropy [is] simply the refuge of people who wish to annoy their fellow-creatures.”

(Oscar Wilde, *An Ideal Husband*, 1895)

“עשה צדקה ומשפט נבחר לה' מזבח”

(Proverbs, 21:3)

“צדקה כנגד כל המצות”

(Bava Batra 9a, c. 450)

“Haec mihi videtur ambitio, non eleemosyna. [This seems to me to be ambition, not charity.]”

(Erasmus, *Convivium Religiosum*, c. 1519)