

The Bible presents a theology of economics, and our passage contributes to our understanding of the proper role of money in the context of our obligations to our fellow humans in and outside our family community.

As Christians we do not observe the sabbatical year or Year of Jubilee, but they set forth the proper attitude that we must have toward our financial resources. The money that God has bestowed on us is but a tool to carry out the kingdom mandate of the gospel. The overarching teaching that should guide our attitude is best stated by the Lord Jesus himself: "It is more blessed to give than to receive" (Acts 20:35). Our devotion to Christ who himself gave up his heavenly riches to be poor in spirit in our behalf is the motivation for our Christian charity (2) Corinthians 8:9).