



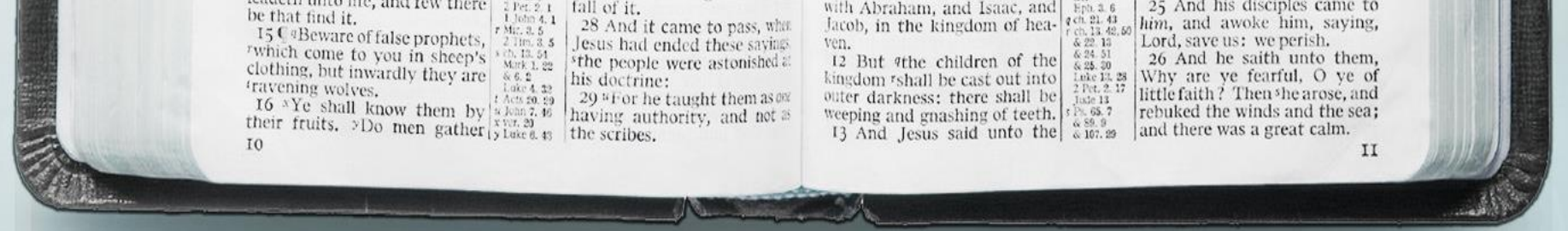
INVESTING in
GOD'S KINGDOM

2 Corinthians 8:1-5

The Bible talks a lot about finances.

- **2,300 verses on money, wealth & possessions**
- **Jesus spoke about money 15% of his teaching & 11 of 39 parables**
- **Jesus' #1 most talked-about topic**





Finances are not a money issue; they are a heart issue.

Matthew 6:19-21

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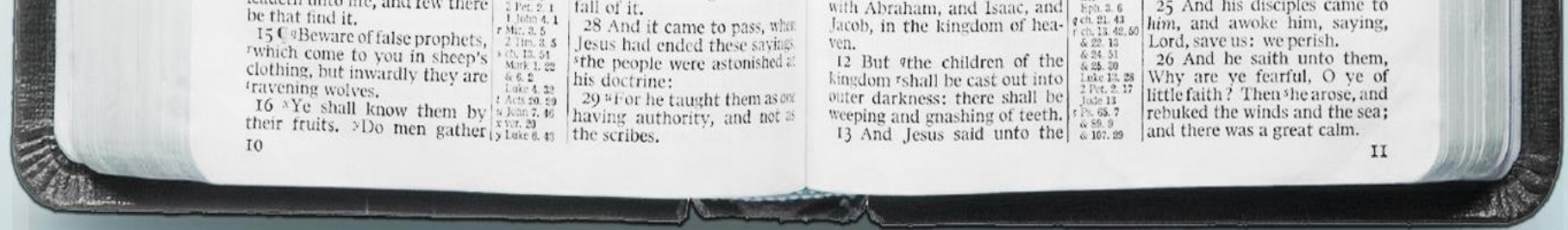
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“If therefore you have not been faithful in the unrighteous mammon, who will commit to your trust the true riches?”


Luke 16:11



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“For in a severe test of affliction, their abundance of joy and extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of generosity on their part.”

2 Corinthians 8:2 ESV

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“a history of faith”



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3. True generosity flows from a willing heart *(vs. 4)*.

