

RAISING THE BAR

Weekly Memory Verse

“Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age. Amen.”

– Matthew 28:19-20

A high jumper's bar is positioned horizontally across the center of the frame, supported by two vertical poles. The bar is a dark color with red and white markings. The background is a dark, cloudy sky. The text is overlaid on the bar and sky.

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Magnifying God With Our Money

Luke 12:32-34

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God commands us not to fear when it comes to money and things.

This magnifies 5 things about God:

1. Shepherd (Psalm 23)
2. Father (Luke 12:30)
3. King
4. Free and generous
5. Happy

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A high bar on a gymnastics apparatus is positioned horizontally across the top of the frame. The bar is supported by two vertical poles that converge towards the bottom corners. The background is a dark, overcast sky with some light clouds. The text is overlaid on this background.

Luke 12:33

Trusting God in this way carries a strong impulse toward simplicity rather than accumulation.

The purpose of money is to maximize our treasure in heaven, not on earth.

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A high bar on a gymnasium floor, with a blue background. The bar is made of wood with red and white stripes. It is supported by two metal poles. The text "RAISING THE BAR" is written in white, bold, capital letters across the top of the image.

Luke 12:34

Our hearts move toward what
we cherish.

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We magnify God with our money if by giving we say from the heart:

- 1) I hereby trust you, God, as my happy, generous Shepherd, Father and King, so that I will not be afraid when I have less money for myself in supplying the needs of others;
- 2) I hereby resist the incredible pressure in our culture to accumulate more and more and cast my lot with the impulse to simplicity for the sake of others;
- 3) I hereby lay up treasure in heaven and not on earth so that my joy in God will be maximized forever; and
- 4) with this offering I declare that since my treasure is in heaven, my heart goes after God.