

# The things they say . . .

“ It is a personal conviction of mine that money is **congealed life**.

It is my work, my talents, my personality reduced to negotiable form.

In so far as I give money to God, or anyone else, I give that which represents me.

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Robin Stevens, Reader and former National Stewardship Officer for C of E

There is no such thing as ‘my’ bread.

All bread is ours and is given to me, to others through me, and to me through others.

For not only bread, but all things necessary for sustenance in this life, are given on loan to us with others, and because of others, and for others, and to others through us.

Meister Eckhardt 1290 - 1329

**The thing that God gives more than anything else is himself.**

Receiving the grace of God is like a crevice half way down the Niagara Falls saying that it receives some water! Receiving isn't the word to describe the abundance of the water.

There's not a great deal of point in the rocky crevice half way down saying, "Well, I think I would like to hold on to some of this water." You really haven't got much option. It falls on you and it bounces off, that's what waterfalls do!

It's given to us to be givers, to pass on an intensity of outpouring.

Rowan Williams  
Archbishop of Canterbury 2003—2012

10 quotable quotes about money, wealth and giving\*



Where your **treasure** is . . .



there will your **heart** be also.  
- Matthew 6:21

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A cheque book is a theological document.

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It tells you who and what you worship.

*Dr. Billy Graham*

\*Actually, there are only 9 . . . the other one has been tithed.

It's time to **label things properly**.

We should not talk of "credit" but "usury".  
Debt needs to regain its old stigma.

Mortgages . . . a feudal term that literally  
means a bond until death.

Churches should be taking on the market  
economy with a message about debt that the  
Bible could not spell out more clearly.

Antonia Swinson, financial journalist  
Church Times 3 October 2003

“ By the 1980's, few of us even  
knew that it might be a good idea  
to ask how chicken could be sold  
for **49 pence a pound**.

We were just grateful to be able  
to cut our food budgets so that we  
could have **more money to  
spend** on TVs, computers,  
stereos, holidays, cars and so on. ”

Sheila Dillon, Producer,  
The Food Programme, Radio 4

**Remember the poor** when you look out on the  
fields you own,  
On your plump cows grazing.

**Remember the poor** when you look into your barn,  
At the abundance of your harvest.

**Remember the poor** when the wind howls and the  
rain falls,  
As you sit warm and dry in your house.

**Remember the poor** when you eat fine meat  
And drink fine ale at your fine carved table.

The cows have grass to eat;  
The rabbits have burrows for shelter;  
The birds have warm nests;

But the poor have no food except what you feed  
them,  
No shelter except your house when you welcome  
them,  
No warmth except your glowing fire.

from Celtic Fire, ed R van der Weyer - author unknown



**Give careful thought to  
your ways . . .**

- You have planted much,  
but have harvested little.
- You eat, but never have  
enough.
- You drink, but never  
have your fill.
- You put on clothes, but  
are not warm.
- You earn wages, only to  
put them in a purse with  
holes in it.

Haggai 1:5,6