

## 14. Money

Money is often said to be the permanent source of malice among human beings. We see many people who have become slaves of money. They think money is everything, and that they can do anything if they have enough of it. They also claim money defines our social status. Others think that's not true, even though they agree money is an important part of life. But serious problems arise when people don't know how to spend money. Our parents say making money is easier than spending it, and may be afraid that "almighty" money has bad effects on their kids' character. It is certainly true that spending money wisely requires a lot of practice.

### **Comprehension**

1. What behavior is described as indicating that many people are slaves of money?
2. According to the paragraph, does anyone believe that money is not important?
3. What is the hardest thing about spending money?

### **Express Yourself**

1. How does money makes you happy?
2. How much money do you want to make?
3. What qualities must a man have to make a lot of money?
4. How much money should a spouse get for an allowance? A child? Parents?
5. Would you bequeath all your money to your children?
6. How do you teach your children how to spend money?
7. Do you reward your children with extra money when they do what is expected of them?
8. Have you ever donated money to a charity?'
9. Do you ever give money to beggars on the subway?
10. How powerful do you think money is?
11. Do you think money can buy love?
12. What are you saving up your money for?
13. Who takes care of the money in your family? You or your spouse?





14. How many credit cards do you have?
15. Do you buy anything on credit?"
16. Do you think a credit card is convenient? Or does it just encourage extra spending?
17. Have you ever gotten a loan from a bank? Was it hard or easy?
18. Have you ever borrowed money from relatives? How much was the interest?
19. How much do you save out of your paycheck?
20. How much is your allowance?
21. Would you lend money to a friend?
22. Have you ever lent any money to anyone? Did you have any problems getting it back?
23. Would you take a friend to court if you couldn't get your money back?
24. What do you usually do with your bonus?
25. Have you ever lost a large amount of cash? Did you get it back?

