



**Franklin Avenue Baptist Church 11am Bible Study**  
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**“What We have Heard vs. What Scripture Actually Says”**  
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**Purpose**

To examine commonly misinterpreted scriptures by exploring:

1. What we have heard
2. What actually happened (context)
3. How we should apply it today

**1. “Money is the root of all evil.”**

Scripture: 1 Timothy 6:10

**What we have heard:**

Money itself is evil.

**What actually happened:**

The verse says, “*the love of money is the root of all kinds of evil.*” Paul is warning about misplaced devotion, not wealth itself. Money is a tool; obsession with it is the danger.

**Application:**

Check your heart posture. Do you control money, or does it control you?

**2. “Judge not” (Do not correct anyone)**

Scripture: Matthew 7:1–5

**What we have heard:**

Christians should never judge anything or anyone.

**What actually happened:**

Jesus Christ condemns hypocritical judgment, not righteous discernment. He even says to remove the plank from your eye so *you can see clearly* to help your brother.

**Application:**

Correct with humility, not hypocrisy.

**3. “God won’t put more on you than you can bear.”**

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 10:13

**What we have heard:**

You will never face more than you can handle.

**What actually happened:**

The passage is about *temptation*, not life’s hardships. In fact, Scripture shows people overwhelmed (see 2 Corinthians 1:8).

**Application:**

God does not promise ease—He promises a way through temptation and strength through dependence on Him.



#### **4. “Ask and you’ll receive anything.”**

Scripture: Matthew 7:7

**What we have heard:**

If you ask God for anything, you will get it.

**What actually happened:**

This is within a broader teaching on God as a good Father. Other scriptures (like James 4:3) clarify that motives matter.

**Application:**

Align your requests with God’s will, not just personal desire.

#### **5. “Faith can move mountains” (literally anything)**

Scripture: Matthew 17:20

**What we have heard:**

If you have enough faith, anything you want will happen.

**What actually happened:**

Jesus uses metaphorical language common in Jewish teaching. The focus is trust in God’s power, not personal control over outcomes.

**Application:**

Faith is not about getting your way—it is about trusting God’s way.

#### **6. “Plans to prosper you” (guaranteed success)**

Scripture: Jeremiah 29:11

**What we have heard:**

God promises immediate success and prosperity.

**What actually happened:**

This was written to Israelites in exile in Babylon—after decades of suffering. The promise was long-term restoration, not instant blessing.

**Application:**

God’s plan includes process, patience, and perseverance.

#### **7. “Touch not my anointed” (leaders cannot be questioned)**

Scripture: Psalm 105:15

**What we have heard:**

You should never challenge spiritual leaders.

**What actually happened:**

This referred to God protecting His people (Israel’s patriarchs), not shielding leaders from accountability.

**Application:**

Honor leadership, but do not ignore truth or accountability.



## 8. “Cleanliness is next to godliness.”

Not actually in Scripture

### What we have heard:

This is a Bible verse.

### What actually happened:

It is a cultural saying, not biblical text.

### Application:

Always verify what is truly in Scripture.

## 9. “Where two or three are gathered...”

Scripture: Matthew 18:20

### What we have heard:

God only shows up when a small group gathers.

### What actually happened:

This is in the context of church discipline and agreement, not general worship.

### Application:

God is always present—not limited by group size.

## 10. “Follow your heart.”

Scripture: Jeremiah 17:9

### What we have heard:

Trust your feelings.

### What actually happened:

The Bible actually warns that the heart can be deceitful.

### Application:

Let God’s Word guide you—not just emotions.

## Closing Discussion Questions

- Which of these have you heard most often?
- How does context change your understanding?
- Are there any scriptures you’ve personally misunderstood?
- How can we become better students of the Word?