



“There is no Evil for a Princess or a Great Lady in Laying up a Treasure”

A Lesson in Finance by Christine de Pizan

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Abstract: In her *Livre des trois vertus*, Christin de Pizan urges noble ladies to involve themselves in their own financial matters: such is the conclusion of her own difficult experience. That attitude requires subtlety because relationships between women and money are sensitive matters: money is a necessary evil. Christine could be considered as visionary; but many princesses were involved in financial policies at the time. Even so, her text shows a great deal of expertise and pragmatism.

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