



Charting A Financial Future

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MONEY IS A TOOL AND A TEST

If you are untrustworthy about worldly wealth, who will trust you with the true riches of heaven? - Luke 16:11 NLT

WHAT NOT TO DO WITH MONEY

1. Don't Love Money.

Whoever loves money will never have enough. Whoever loves wealth is never satisfied with their income. - Ecclesiastes 5:10 NIV

For the love of money is the first step toward all kinds of sin. Some people have even turned away from God because of their love for it, and as a result have pierced themselves with many sorrows.

- 1 Timothy 6:10 TLB

2. Don't Live for Money.

No one can serve two masters. For you will hate one and love the other; you will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and be enslaved to money. - Luke 16:13 NLT

Even wise people are fools if they let money change their thinking. - Ecclesiastes 7:7 NCV

3. Don't Trust Money.

Teach those who are rich in this world not to be proud and not to trust in their money, which is so unreliable. Their trust should be in God, who richly gives us all we need for our enjoyment.

- 1 Timothy 6:17 NLT

If I have put my trust in money, if my happiness depends on wealth... it would mean that I denied the God of heaven. - Job 31:24, 28 TLB

4. Don't Hoard Money.

But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal
- Matthew 6:19-20 NIV

Don't hoard your goods; spread them around. Be a blessing to others. This could be your last night. - Ecclesiastes 11:2 MSG

WHERE TO SET GOALS

1. Use 10% to Honor God.

Honor the Lord by giving Him the first part of all your income, and He will fill your barns...and overflow your wine vats ... - Proverbs 3:9 TLB

The purpose of tithing is to teach you to always put God first in your lives. - Deuteronomy 14:23 TLB

2. Use Some to Pay Yourself.

The wise man saves for the future, but the foolish man spends whatever he gets. - Proverbs 21:20 TLB

Invest what you have in several different businesses because you don't know what disasters might happen. - Ecclesiastes 11:2 NCV

3. Use Some for Family Needs.

Anyone who does not provide for their relatives, and especially for their own household, has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever. - 1 Timothy 5:8 NIV

4. Use Some to Grow You.

The earnings of the godly enhance their lives, but evil people squander their money on sin. - Proverbs 10:16 NLT

Buy wisdom, buy education, buy insight. - Proverbs 23:23 MSG

5. Use Some to Assist Others.

Tell them to use their money to do good. They should be rich in good works and should give happily to those in need, always being ready to share with others whatever God has given them. By doing this they'll be storing up real treasure for themselves in heaven – it is the only safe investment for eternity! - 1 Timothy 6:18-19 TLB

6. Use Some to Win People to Jesus.

...use worldly wealth to gain friends for yourselves, so that when it is gone, you will be welcomed into eternal dwellings. - Luke 16:9 NIV

You will honor God through this genuine act of service because of your commitment to spread the Good News of Christ and because of your generosity in sharing... - 2 Corinthians 9:13 GW

Only people who don't know God are always worrying about such things. Your Father in heaven knows that you need all of these. But more than anything else, put God's work first and do what He wants. Then the other things will be yours as well. - Matthew 6:32-33 CEV

My Next Step This Week...

- ☐ *Memorize Luke 16:11.*
- ☐ *Prepare a budget for 2017 with Biblical principles in mind.*
- ☐ *Start tithing my income to God.*
- ☐ *Give my life to Jesus as Savior and Lord, for the first time.*