

Address the Mess – Part 4 – My Financial Mess Mark Rouse – mark@epicchurchbuffalo.com May 7, 2017

Memory Verse:

For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. – Matthew 6:21

No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money. – Matthew 6:24

FINANCIAL PRINCIPLES FOR GOD'S BEST INSTEAD OF THE MESS

PRINCIPLE #1: <u>A WRITTEN GAME PLAN.</u>

The plans of the diligent lead to profit as surely as haste leads to poverty. – Proverbs 21:5

Suppose one of you wants to build a tower. Won't you first sit down and estimate the cost to see if you have enough money to complete it? For if you lay the foundation and are not able to finish it, everyone who sees it will ridicule you, saying, "This person began to build and wasn't able to finish." – Luke 14:28-30

PRINCIPLE #2: ACT YOUR WAGE.

The wise store up choice food and olive oil, but fools gulp theirs down. – Proverbs 21:20

PRINCIPLE #3: GET OUT OF DEBT.

...the borrower is slave to the lender. – Proverbs 22:7

The wicked borrow and do not repay, but the righteous give generously. – Psalm 37:21

PRINCIPLE #4: <u>SAVE MONEY.</u>

Dishonest money dwindles away, but whoever gathers money little by little makes it grow. – Proverbs 13:11

PRINCIPLE #5: GENEROUS GIVING & LIVING.

One person gives freely, yet gains even more; another withholds unduly, but comes to poverty. A generous person will prosper; whoever refreshes others will be refreshed. - Proverbs 11:24-25

Remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said: "It is more blessed to give than to receive." – Acts 20:35

✓ CHALLENGE: COMMIT TO THESE PRINCIPLES WITH <u>PATIENCE & DILIGENCE.</u>