

ABC's of Financial Freedom: Decision – Week 4 Mark Rouse – mark@epicchurchbuffalo.com November 29, 2015

The Decision: Live a Life of Intentional Generosity.

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FOUR PRINCIPLES OF INTENTIONAL GENEROSITY

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Yet true godliness with contentment is itself great wealth. 7 After all, we brought nothing with us when we came into the world, and we can't take anything with us when we leave it. 8 So if we have enough food and clothing, let us be content. – 1 Timothy 6:6-8

#2 – The Principle of Open-Handed Living.

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And I have been a constant example of how you can help those in need by working hard. You should remember the words of the Lord Jesus: "It is more blessed to give than to receive." – Acts 20:35

#3 - The Principle of Sowing and Reaping.

Do not be deceived; God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. – Galatians 6:7

Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously.

– 2 Corinthians 9:6

#4 – The Principle of Eternal Perspective.

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And he told them this parable: "The ground of a certain rich man yielded an abundant harvest. 17 He thought to himself, 'What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops.' 18 "Then he said, 'This is what I'll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store my surplus grain. 19 And I'll say to myself, "You have plenty of grain laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry." ' 20 "But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?' 21 "This is how it will be with whoever stores up things for themselves but is not rich toward God." – Luke 12:16-21