

# Beyond Survival: Financial Security

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*All Bible passages are quoted from the New International Version of the Bible unless otherwise noted.*

**BIG IDEA: Our survival instincts don't lead us to long-term financial security.**

**Long-term financial security comes from doing these wise things:**

**1. Working HARD and wisely to acquire what you need.**

**Proverbs 10:4** | Lazy hands make for poverty, but diligent hands bring wealth.

**2. GIVING away some portion of what you earn.**

**Proverbs 3:9** | Honor the Lord with your wealth, with the firstfruits of all your crops;

**3. Avoiding consumer DEBT.**

**Proverbs 22:7** | The rich rule over the poor, and the borrower is slave to the lender.

**4. SAVING and INVESTING some portion of what you earn.**

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

**BEYOND SURVIVAL HACK: Decide today to abandon unwise financial habits and choose security over survival.**

**NEXT STEP PRAYER: God, help me to manage what you have blessed me with in a way that honors you.**

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## Further Study & Discussion Questions

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### Getting to Know You:

What is the best advice, financial or otherwise, you've ever received? Who gave it to you? Why do you trust them?

### Quick Review:

Was there anything about this week's message that was surprising to you? Was there a specific point or Scripture that made you want to elbow the person sitting next to you? Or maybe made them want to elbow you? What was the one thing you remember most from the message?

### Digging Deeper:

Proverbs is often referred to as the Book of Wisdom. In your own words, tell the group the difference between being smart and being wise?

What are your natural instincts when it comes to finances?

- Are you a spender or a saver?
- Do you use consumer debt or avoid it?
- Are you intentional about giving away some portion of your income?

### Read **Leviticus 25:18-24**

**Leviticus 25:18-24** | <sup>18</sup> "Follow my decrees and be careful to obey my laws, and you will live safely in the land. <sup>19</sup> Then the land will yield its fruit, and you will eat your fill and live there in safety. <sup>20</sup> You may ask, "What will we eat in the seventh year if we do not plant or harvest our crops?" <sup>21</sup> I will send you such a blessing in the sixth year that the land will yield enough for three years. <sup>22</sup> While you plant during the eighth year, you will eat from the old crop and will continue to eat from it until the harvest of the ninth year comes in. <sup>23</sup> "The land must not be sold permanently, because the land is mine and you reside in my land as foreigners and strangers. <sup>24</sup> Throughout the land that you hold as a possession, you must provide for the redemption of the land.

There is so much to consider when it comes to finances that it can be confusing! What do you think this passage tells us about the following?

- God's provision and faithfulness.
- What are we to do with the "fruits" of our labor?
- Are we owners or managers of our assets?

### Application:

Do you need to re-work your budget? Where do you send too much of your money? Where do you need to send more of your money? If you are doing it really well, share with your group how you got to this point.

**Remember the Next Step:** Abandon unwise financial habits. So, what has to stop now?