

Life Money Hope
Beyond The Numbers
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1 Timothy 6:9-10 People who want to **get rich** fall into temptation and a **trap** and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge men into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, **have wandered from the faith** and pierced themselves with many griefs.

Luke 12:34 “For where your **treasure** is, there your **heart** will be also.”

Numbers Only:

- ✓ Earning.
- ✓ Spending.
- ✓ Saving.
- ✓ Investing.
- ✓ Giving.

Haggai 1:5-7 Now this is what the LORD Almighty says: “Give careful thought to your ways. **You have planted much, but have harvested little.** You eat, but never have enough. You drink, but never have your fill. You put on clothes, but are not warm. **You earn wages, only to put them in a purse with holes in it.**” This is what the LORD Almighty says: “**Give careful thought to your ways.**”

1 Corinthians 1:20 Where is the wise man? Where is the scholar? Where is the philosopher of this age? Has not God made **foolish the wisdom** of the world?

5 Principles - Beyond the Numbers

1. Calling vs. compensation

Acts 20:24 However, I consider my life worth nothing to me, if only I may finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me--the task of testifying to the gospel of God’s grace.

2. Contentment vs. consumerism

Luke 12:15 (LB) Don’t always be wishing for what you don’t have. For real life and real living are not related to how rich we are.

Philippians 4:12 I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. **I have learned the secret** of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want.

3. God dependent vs. independent

Proverbs 18:11 The wealth of the rich is their fortified city; they **imagine** it a wall too high to scale.

Proverbs 30:8-9 Give me neither poverty nor riches, but give me only my daily bread. Otherwise, I may have too much and disown you and say, ‘Who is the Lord?’ Or I may become poor and steal, and so dishonor the name of my God.

4. Stewardship vs. ownership

Matthew 6:19-20 Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal.

Matthew 13:44 “The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and **sold all he had and bought that field.**”

5. Generosity vs. misery

Acts 20:35 The Lord Jesus himself said: “It is more blessed to give than to receive.”

1 Timothy 6:18-19 Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life.

Walk Away: God’s way works.