

Committing: Time, Talent, & Tithe To God

STEWARDSHIP PRINCIPLES FROM THE BIBLE

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- ▶ 1. For what purpose were we created?
 - ▶ **To Give**
- ▶ 2. Why should we give?
 - ▶ **Because we are grateful**
- ▶ 3. Why should we first give to God?
 - ▶ **Because He is our Source**
- ▶ 4. How should we act while giving?
 - ▶ **Cheerful and Sensible**
- ▶ 5. What should be in order when we give?
 - ▶ **Our Motives**

A Time To Save

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Saving Takes Discipline: Wisdom, Time, & Hard Work

- *Proverbs 1:5 let the wise also hear and gain in learning, and the discerning acquire skill,*
- *Proverbs 21:20 Precious treasure remains in the house of the wise, but the fool devours it.*
- *Proverbs 28:20 The faithful will abound with blessings, but one who is in a hurry to be rich will not go unpunished.*
- *Proverbs 6:6-8 Go to the ant, you lazy bones; consider its ways, and be wise. Without having any chief or officer or ruler, it prepares its food in summer, and gathers its sustenance in harvest.*

A Time To Save Cont'd

Budgeting Fosters Saving

- *Luke 14:28-30 For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.'*
- *Proverbs 27:23-24 Know well the condition of your flocks, and give attention to your herds; for riches do not last forever, nor a crown for all generations.*
- [Budget Template spreadsheet](#)

Saving Prepares For Tomorrow

- *Ecclesiastes 11:2 Divide your means seven ways, or even eight, for you do not know what disaster may happen on earth.*

Question & Answers

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- ▶ 1. What does it take to save?
 - ▶ **Discipline**
- ▶ 2. What builds discipline?
 - ▶ **Wisdom, Time, & Hard Work**
- ▶ 3. What Fosters Saving?
 - ▶ **Budgeting**
- ▶ 4. For what will saving prepare the people of God?
 - ▶ **Tomorrow**

Resources

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- ▶ Holy Bible NRSV
- ▶ The New Interpreter's Bible Commentary Vol. IX
- ▶ Good Steward Ministry Barnabas Foundation.com
- ▶ Counseling and Family Services www.accounseling.org
- ▶ *The Joy Of Giving More Than Enough*, Bishop Gregory Ingram

Next Week Bible Study...

Debt: What it Is; & How to Leave/Avoid it.

- ▶ Read verses:
- ▶ Proverbs 3:28,22:7,26-27
- ▶ Psalms 37:21
- ▶ Ecclesiastes 7:14
- ▶ Luke 12:22-32
- ▶ Romans 13:7
- ▶ Galatians 5:22-23
- ▶ James 4:13-14