



MESSAGE NOTES

PRACTICAL TEACHING FOR EVERYDAY LIVING

Title: **DELAY**
Series: **MONEY MATTERS**
Text: **1 THESS. 5:6-8**
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So then, let us not be like others, who are asleep, but **let us be alert** and **self-controlled**. For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, get drunk at night. But **since we belong to the day, let us be self-controlled**, putting on faith and love as a breastplate, and the hope of salvation as a helmet.
1 Thes. 5:6-8

FOUR WORDS FOR GOD'S MONEY PLAN

1. _____

Whatever you do, **work at it with all your heart**, as **working for the Lord**, Col. 3:23

2. _____ **AS YOU GO**

Give everyone **what you owe him**: If you owe taxes, pay taxes; if revenue, then revenue; if respect, then respect; if honor, then honor. (Rom. 13:7)

3. _____ - a period of time by which something is late or postponed, postpone or defer.

Be patient, then, brothers, until the Lord's coming. See how **the farmer waits** for the land to yield its valuable crop and **how patient** he is for the autumn and spring rains. You too, **be patient** and stand firm, because the Lord's coming is near. James 5:7-8

4. _____

Honor the Lord with your wealth, with the **first fruits** of all your crops, then your barns will be overflowing. (Proverbs 3:9-10)

TWO GREAT BENEFITS OF DELAYED GRATIFICATION

1. _____ - LIVE WITHIN YOUR MEANS

2. _____

- _____ EXPENSES
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WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY ABOUT SAVING?

1. IT'S _____

*The wise man **saves for the future** but the foolish man spends whatever he gets.
Pr. 21:20*

*Dishonest money dwindles away, but **he who gathers money little by little makes it grow.** Pr. 13:11*

2. IT'S HELPS OUR PLANS _____

***Careful planning puts you ahead in the long run;** hurry and scurry puts you further behind. Pr. 21:5 (MES)*

3. IT'S PAYS FOR _____ EXPENSES

***Take a lesson from the ants, you lazybones. Learn from their ways** and become wise! Though they have no prince or governor or ruler to make them work, **they labor hard** all summer, **gathering food for the winter.** Pr. 6:6-8*