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Building Wealth God's Way

Live Long And Prosper | Part 1 | Matthew 25:14-30

INTRODUCTION

Many people recognize the famous greeting from Star Trek, "Live long and prosper." What most do not know is that the actor who played Spock, Leonard Nimoy, based the iconic hand gesture on an ancient Hebrew blessing for God's people. In a very real way, he was echoing the heart of God, because God truly desires for His people to prosper. Biblical prosperity, however, is not about luxury cars and mansions. It is about stewardship. It is about managing what God has entrusted to us in a way that honors Him, blesses others, and provides for our families.

The problem is not money itself; the Bible says the *love* of money is a root of all kinds of evil (*1 Timothy 6:10*). The problem arises when money becomes our master instead of our means to honor God. This guide will help us explore what Scripture says about building wealth not from Wall Street's perspective, but from Heaven's perspective.

KEY POINTS

1. Work Diligently To Earn With Purpose

God designed humanity for work from the very beginning. Before sin ever entered the world, Adam was placed in the Garden of Eden "to work it and watch over it" (*Genesis 2:15*). Work is not a punishment; it is a part of our God-given purpose. *Colossians 3:23* calls us to do our work "from the heart, as something done for the Lord and not for people." This transforms our job, whether we are a teacher, mechanic, or CEO, into an act of worship. When we work diligently, we provide for our families, earn the respect of others, and most importantly, we glorify God. Our work becomes a witness when it is done with excellence for His name.

2. Save Faithfully And Invest Wisely To Steward Your Resources

The Bible teaches that wisdom involves planning for the future. A wise person saves for tomorrow, while a foolish person consumes everything today. Saving is an act of stewardship that recognizes God's ownership over all we have. It prepares us for unexpected emergencies and positions us for generosity. Beyond just saving, God expects us to multiply what He has given us. In the Parable of the Talents, the master condemned the servant who buried his money, calling him lazy. God blesses faithful action, not inaction. Investing our resources, whether time, talent, or treasure, is a biblical principle that allows us to multiply our impact for His Kingdom for generations to come.

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Earning, saving, and investing are not just financial activities; they are spiritual disciplines. Our entire approach to money changes when we move from a mindset of consumption to one of stewardship. God owns everything, and we are simply managers of His resources. This perspective turns budgeting into a holy task and transforms our daily work into a primary avenue of worship. When we work diligently and manage money wisely, we demonstrate our trust in God's provision. We show that our security is found not in our bank account, but in our identity as children of a King who provides for our every need.

3. Eliminate Debt Quickly To Live In Freedom

Scripture is clear: "the borrower is a slave to the lender." Debt is one of the greatest burdens people carry, limiting their freedom, stealing their peace, and hindering their ability to be generous. While not all debt is sinful, all debt is serious. It is a master that God never intended for His children to serve. The wisest approach is to eliminate debt with intensity and discipline. By cutting unnecessary expenses, living below our means, and making a determined choice to pursue freedom, we can break the chains of debt. This allows us to live and give with the freedom God desires for us.

4. Give Generously To Fulfill Your Purpose

The ultimate goal of biblical prosperity is not accumulation; it is generous distribution. Wealth without generosity is wasted, and prosperity without purpose is poverty in disguise. God does not bless us so we can hoard resources for our own comfort. He blesses us so we can help others, support His work, and advance His Kingdom. John Wesley summarized this principle perfectly: "Earn all you can. Save all you can. Give all you can." Every dollar given to God's Kingdom is not an expense, it is an eternal investment. We are never more like Jesus than when we give.

Freedom from debt and a commitment to generosity are directly connected. When we are no longer enslaved by payments, we are liberated to advance God's mission. It is a shift from playing defense with our finances to playing offense for the Kingdom. This is the heart of stewardship. Our financial health is not ultimately for our own glory or comfort. It is for God's glory. When we align our finances with His purposes, we discover that true prosperity is not measured by what we keep, but by what we joyfully give away.

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QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

1. The sermon emphasizes that our work is a form of worship. In what practical ways can you shift your perspective this week to see your job not just as a paycheck, but as a primary mission field to glorify God?
2. The Bible calls us to be wise stewards who save and invest. What is one specific, disciplined choice you can make to move from being a consumer who spends everything to a faithful manager who prepares for the future and multiplies resources for God's purposes?
3. Pastor Jordan stated that “wealth without generosity is wasted.” In what area of your life are you most tempted to hoard resources (time, money, or talent) for your own comfort, and how can you intentionally redirect those resources toward Kingdom generosity?
