



The Issues of Life

Proverbs 4:23

ISSUES OF LIFE



Personal Finance

September 14, 2022

TOPICS WE WILL BE COVERING OVER THE NEXT 2-WEEKS

- *Money*
- *Tithing*
- *Spending*
- *Budgeting*
- *Savings*
- *Investing*
- *Debt*
- *Insurance*
- *Preserving Assets*

QUESTIONS / COMMENTS

*We have budgeted time into the
end of each session.*



DISCLAIMER

- *We are not professional financial advisors*
- *Although we will be discussing many topics of financial nature over the next several weeks, **we encourage each of you to be in prayer about your personal financial situation***
- *And if additional professional assistance is needed, **please do not be afraid to seek counsel***

**Hear counsel, and receive instruction,
that thou mayest be wise in thy latter end.**

Proverbs 19:20

DOES GOD REALLY CARE ABOUT FINANCES?

*There are over **2,300 verses** related to money and possessions in the Word*

- ✓ Heaven = **550 verses**
- ✓ Eternal Life, Salvation, Everlasting Life = **201 verses**
- ✓ Repent, Repentance,... = **105 verses**

We are called by God to manage everything he has given to us

HOW WOULD YOU DESCRIBE THE CURRENT ECONOMIC SITUATION?

- *Out of control*
- *Scary*
- *Unpredictable*
- *Volatile*
- *Extremely Fragile*
- *Stressful*
- *Unnerving*
- *Pending Employment Concerns,.....*



PROVERBS 3:5-8

Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding.

In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.

Be not wise in thine own eyes: fear the LORD, and depart from evil.

It shall be health to thy navel, and marrow to thy bones.

THE GOALS OF OUR “**FAMILY DISCUSSION**”

- *To better understand what God says about the resources he has entrusted each of us to manage*
- *Openly discuss some of the top financial issues that are impacting each of us in our lives and culture*
- *Apply the real-world advice from God’s Word to our lives and live the life God wants us to experience*

MONEY



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1 TIMOTHY 6:10 – 11

*For the **love of money** is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.*

But thou, O man of God, flee these things; and follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness.

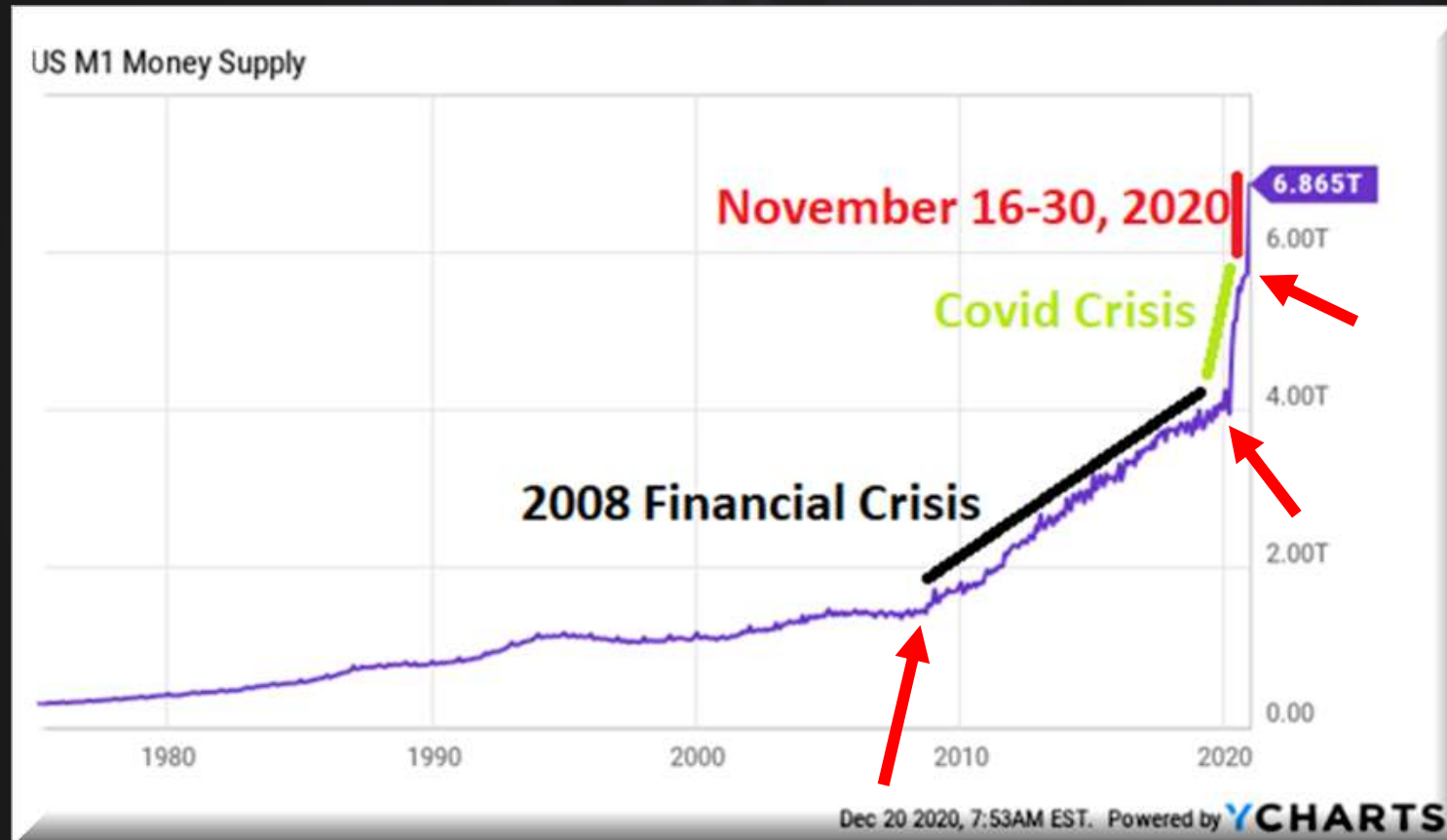
GENESIS 47:15

*And **when money failed in the land** of Egypt, and in the land of Canaan, all the Egyptians came unto Joseph, and said, Give us bread: for why should we die in thy presence? for the money faileth.*

POSSIBLE PERSONAL APPLICATION?

*And when money failed in the land of **(the World)**, and in the
land of **(the United States)**, all the **(Americans)** came unto
(Jesus), and said, Give us bread:
for why should we die in thy presence? for the money faileth.*

U.S. MONEY SUPPLY



Notice that nothing but **crisis'** were was used to justify printing money

INFLATION

Current Causes of Inflation:



Increase in
money
supply



Supply
chain
disruption



Government-
sponsored
unemployment



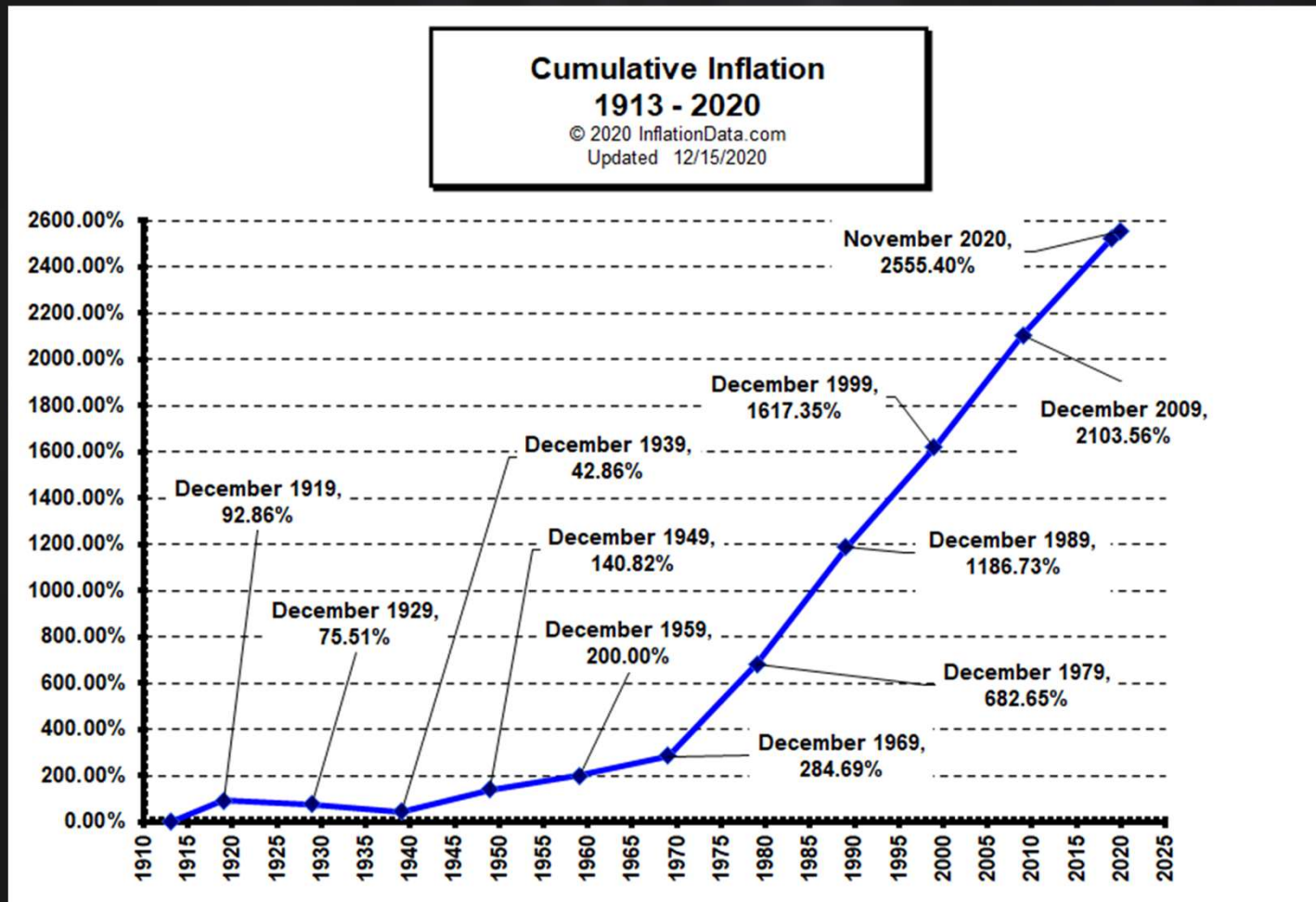
Poor
government
policies

INFLATION CONT.

U.S. Inflation Rate - Historical Data	
Year	Inflation Rate (%)
2022	8.50%
2020	1.23%
2010	1.64%
2000	3.38%
1990	5.40%
1981	10.33%
1980	13.55%
1979	11.25%
1974	11.05%
1970	5.84%
1965	1.59%
1960	1.46%



INFLATION CONT.



A DOLLAR'S WORTH

PURCHASING POWER OF THE U.S. DOLLAR

The Federal Reserve creates a central bank to manage the country's money supply.

The purchasing power of the U.S. dollar has fallen sharply over the last century, due to rising inflation and money supply.



Year	Item Purchased with \$1	Value in 2020 Dollars
1913	30 Hershey's chocolate bars	\$26.14
1929	10 rolls of toilet paper	\$15.14
1933	10 bottles of beer	\$19.91
1944	20 bottles of Coca-Cola	\$14.71
1953	10 bags of pretzels	\$9.69
1964	1 drive-in movie ticket	\$8.35
1971	17 oranges	\$6.39
1987	2 boxes of crayons	\$2.28
1997	4 grapefruits	\$1.61
2008	2 lemons	\$1.20
2020	1 McDonald's coffee	\$1.00

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics - Consumer Price Index, Morris County Library of Historic Prices

Buying Power Erosion = -96%



ECCLESIASTES 5:15

*As he came forth of his mother's womb, naked shall he return to go as he came, **and shall take nothing of his labour,** which he may carry away in his hand.*

TAKE AWAYS



- *Be very careful not to love the gifts more than the Giver.*
- *Do not put your trust in the dollar or the “wisdom” of men. You will be disappointed.*
- *Always remember that assets (like everything in this present world) are constantly in a state of long term depreciation.*

TITHING



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WHAT IS A TITHE?

Tithe:

- **The word tithe means tenth in Hebrew.**
- A tithe is a specific amount (10% of your income) that you give first.
 - ✓ *An offering is anything extra that you give beyond that.*



Webster Dictionary:

- ***Tithe*** – the tenth part of any thing; but appropriately, the tenth part of the increase annually arising from the profits of land and stock, ... **Tithes are personal**, personal when accruing from labor ...
- ***Offering*** – that which is present in divine serve; ... presented to God as an atonement for sin, **or as a return of thanks for his favors**, or for religious purpose; a sacrifice; an oblation. ... Christ by the offering of himself has superseded the use of all other offerings, having made atonement for all men.

DEUTERONOMY 16:17

*Every man shall give as he is able, **according to the blessing** of the Lord thy God which he hath given thee.*

ECCLESIASTES 5:19

*Every man also to whom God hath given riches and
wealth, and hath given him power to eat thereof,
and to take his portion, and to rejoice in
his labour; **this is a gift of God.***

PROVERBS 3:9

Honour the Lord with thy substance, and with the
first-fruits **of all thine increase.**

MATTHEW 6:21

*For where your treasure is, **there will your heart be also.***

WHY DO I HAVE TO TITHE?, *WHAT IF I CANNOT AFFORD IT?*

Four easy steps:

1) *Pray*

2) *Look at your budget (which we will touch on later)*

3) *What other expenses can I eliminate or substitute*

4) *Start by adding to your current giving. Work your way towards tithing*



DO I TITHE OFF MY “GROSS” OR “NET” INCOME?

1. This is a personal decision between you and God.

2. Below are examples of both equations.

<u>Example:</u>	<u>Gross</u>	<u>Net (70%)</u>	<u>Net(65%)</u>
Income	\$75,000	\$52,500	\$48,750
Tithe (10%)	\$7,500	\$5,250	\$4,875
Tithe 2x month (24/yr)	\$312	\$218	\$203
Tithe difference from gross		\$94	\$109
Weekly difference		\$47	\$54

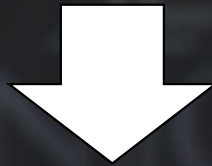
3. Remember point #1, this is a personal decision between you and God.

- Prov 3:9 = Honour the Lord with thy substance, and with the first-fruits of all thine increase.

What!

**Where does it say I have to tithe my
time to the Lord in the Bible?**

Each week we get 168 hours
(24hrs x 7 days)



A tithe (10%) of this time is
= **17 hours**

- Let's say you attend church every Sunday – **2hrs**
- You go to Sunday school – **1hr**
- Travel time to church, because we are preparing our minds and claiming our hearts to be ready to hear the Word. – **1hr**
- You come on Wednesday night – **2hrs**
- Well, you serve in a ministry (other than during church times) – **1hr**
- You disciple someone – **2hrs**
- You pray every day for an hour – **7hrs**
- Total is **16hrs**

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TITHING TAKE AWAYS



- *This is a personal issue between you and God.*
- *The perspective is not how much you give to God, but rather how much you decide to keep of God's resources.*
- *Remember, God knows our motives and attitudes.*

SPENDING



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SO WHAT IS THE BIG DEAL?

- **61%** of Americans don't have enough savings to cover a \$1,000 emergency*
- **40%** of student loan borrowers are expected to go into default by 2023*
- **38%** of US households have credit card debt*
 - ✓ Avg household with credit card debt owes **\$16,883** and pays \$1,292 annually in interest alone*
 - ✓ Families in the top 10% of net worth carry a credit card balance of **\$12,890*****
 - ✓ 43 percent of Americans have been carrying a credit card balance **for over two years.**

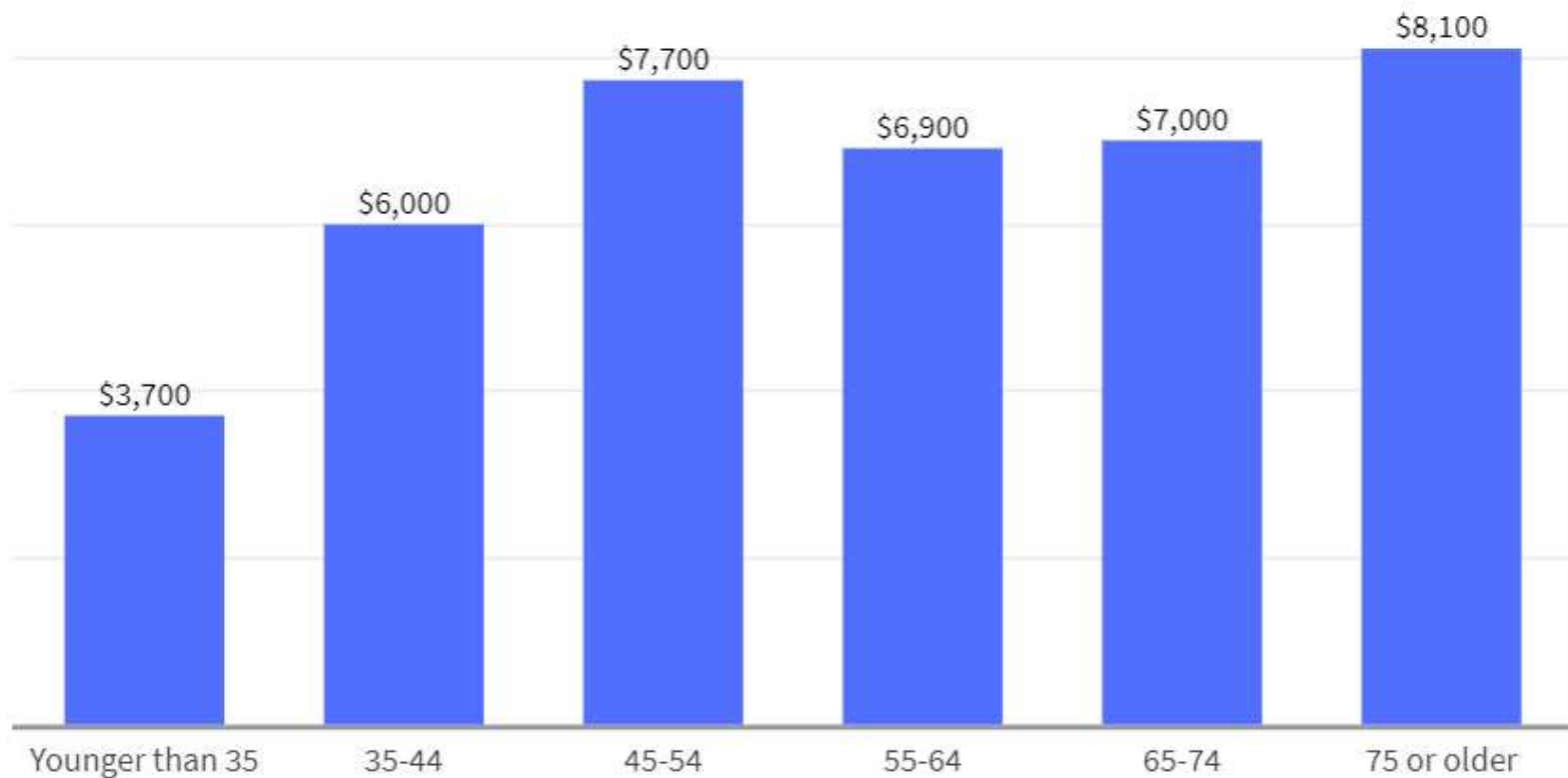
*OPPU (<https://www.opploans.com/oppu/articles/scary-financial-facts/>)

** <https://radicalfire.com/scary-financial-statistics/>

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SO WHAT IS THE BIG DEAL?

Average Credit Card Balance by Age



Source: Federal Reserve Survey of Consumer Finances

SO WHAT IS THE BIG DEAL?

- **64%** of Americans Live Paycheck To Paycheck***
 - ✓ **40%** of people earning more than \$100,000 per year said they lived paycheck to paycheck as well
- **17%** of Americans making over 100,000 cannot cover a \$400 expense.***
- **33%** of American adults have **\$0** saved for retirement*
- Over the last 2 years, the medium home price has increased by **33%**
 - ✓ After adjusting for the recent increase in interest rates, the cost of buying a home has went up **74%**

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How did we get to this place of financial insecurity?

Maybe our wants exceed our needs?

Prov 13:25, Luke 15:14

Maybe our envy overshadows our lack of contentment?

1 Tim 6:6, Gal 5:26

LUKE 12:15

*And he said unto them, Take heed, **and beware of covetousness:**
for a man's life consisteth **not** in the abundance of the things
which he possesseth.*

SPENDING TAKE AWAYS



- *It is OK to spend some of your resources.*
- *Believe the Bible and embrace contentment.*
 - ✓ *Remember, contentment is “wanting what you already have”.*
- *Do not short-change God.*

BUDGETING



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DEFINITION OF “BUDGETING”



A plan for the coordination of resources and expenditures.

Actively taking control of your finances and proactively telling them where they should go?

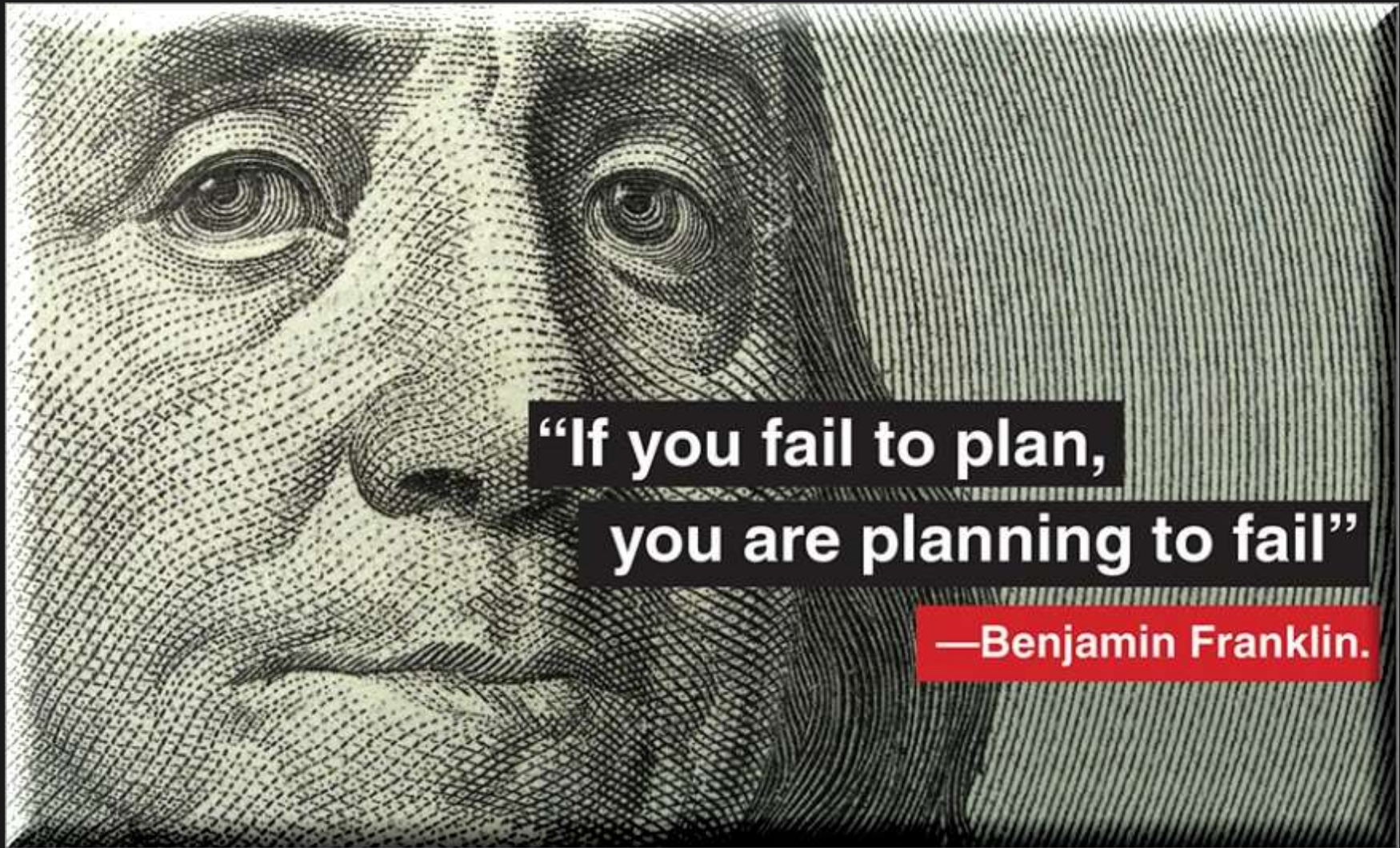
Prov 25:28, Prov 27:23

DIVIDING IT UP...

- Tithing — **10%**
- Savings — **15%**
- Food — **10%**
- Utilities — **5%**
- Housing costs — **25%**
- Transportation — **10%**
- Health — **5%**
- Insurance — **10%**
- Personal spending — **5%**
- Miscellaneous — **5%**



Source: <https://www.thewaystowealth.com/money-management/household-budget-percentages/>



**“If you fail to plan,
you are planning to fail”**

—Benjamin Franklin.

LUKE 14:28

*For which of you, intending to
build a tower, sitteth not down
first, **and counteth the
cost, whether he
have sufficient to finish it?***



MANY RESOURCES ARE AVAILABLE

Dave Ramsey - EveryDollar Budget tool (ramseysolutions.com)

Crown Financial - Crown.org

Most banking apps have some sort of tool

Create your own spreadsheet,.....

Everyone will have their own preferred process. It may take test driving a few tools to find the one best for you.

BUDGETING TAKE AWAYS



- *Budgeting is essential to taking control of one's finances.*
- *It is more than just numbers on a screen (or paper). It is a way of life.*
- *Be flexible and don't get frustrated with the process.*



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