



BBC Notes

YOUR FUTURE = OUR FUTURE **GOD'S PLAN FOR FINANCIAL BLESSING**

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TWO STATEMENTS FROM JESUS

Luke 12:15 Jesus said, 'Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; a man's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions.' (NIV)

Luke 16:9-13 'I tell you, use worldly wealth to gain eternal friends for yourselves, so that when it is gone, you will be welcomed into eternal dwellings. Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much. So if you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches? And if you have not been trustworthy with someone else's property, who will give you property of your own? No one can serve two masters... You cannot serve both God and Money.' (NIV)

MONEY IS A TOOL – A TEST

MANAGING MONEY IS A SPIRITUAL DISCIPLINE

8 HABITS FOR FINANCIAL BLESSING

1. I MUST TRUST GOD AS MY SOURCE & SUPPLY

Rom. 11:36 Everything comes from God; everything exists by his power; and everything is intended for his glory. (NLT)

Deut. 8:18 Always remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you the ability TO PRODUCE WEALTH. (NIV)

Pr. 16:3 Commit your work to the Lord, and then your plans will succeed. (NLT)

2. I MUST DO MY WORK AS AN ACT OF WORSHIP

Pr. 21:5 Good planning and hard work lead to prosperity, but hasty shortcuts lead to poverty. (NLT)

Pr. 10:4 Lazy hands make a man poor, but diligent hands bring wealth. (NIV)

Pr. 16:11 The LORD demands accurate scales and balances [The Lord demands fairness in every business deal]; he sets the standard (NLT)

Pr. 12:11 Hard work brings prosperity; only fools waste time chasing fantasies. (NLT)

Pr. 13:11 Wealth from get-rich-quick schemes quickly disappears; but wealth from hard work grows. (NLT)

3. KEEP GOOD RECORDS

Pr. 27:23-24 Riches can disappear fast... so watch your business interests closely. Know the state of your flocks and herds. (LB)

1 Cor. 16:2 On the first day of every week put aside some of what you have earned during the week, and use it for the offering. The amount depends on how much the Lord has helped you earn. (LB)

4. GIVE FIRST 10 % BACK TO GOD

Pr. 3:9-10 Honor the Lord by giving Him the first part of all your income, and He will fill your barns ... to overflow! (LB)

Deut. 14:23 The purpose of tithing is to teach you always to put God first in your lives. (LB)

Mal. 3:10 'Bring to My Storehouse a full tenth of what you earn... Test me in this,' says the Lord. 'I will open the windows of heaven for you and pour out all the blessings you need.' (NCV)

5. I MUST SAVE & INVEST FOR THE FUTURE

Pr. 21:20 The wise man saves for the future, but the foolish man spends whatever he gets. (LB)

Pr. 13:11 Money that comes easily disappears quickly, but money that is gathered little by little will grow. (NCV)

Pr. 24:27 Do your planning and prepare your fields [Develop your business first] before building your house. (NLT)

6. SET UP A REPAYMENT PLAN TO GET OUT OF DEBT

Pr. 3:27 Don't withhold repayment of your debts. (LB)

Rom. 13:8 Let no debt remain outstanding. (NIV)

7. YOU MUST BUDGET YOUR SPENDING

Pr. 21:5 Plan carefully and you will have plenty; if you act too quickly, you will never have enough. (TEV)

Pr. 10:16 The earnings of the godly enhance their lives, but evil people squander their money on sin. (NLT)

Pr. 21:20b... stupid people spend their money as fast as they get it." (TEV)

8. ENJOY WHAT I HAVE

Ecc. 6:9 It is better to be satisfied with what you have than to always be wanting something else. (TEV)

1 Tim. 6:18 Tell them to use their money to do good. They should be rich in good works and should give generously to those in need, always being ready to share with others whatever God has given them. (NLT)

WHAT MOST PEOPLE DO:

1. Spend it
2. Worry about it
3. Repay it
4. Save it
5. Give it

THE ORDER GOD BLESSES:

1. Dedicate it to God
2. Tithe it
3. Save & Invest it
4. Repay it
5. Enjoy it

Mt. 6:31-33 Don't worry...Your heavenly Father already knows what you need, and He will give it to you IF you give him first place in your life AND live as he wants you to. (LB)