

Financial Responsibility – Part 2

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I. Introduction.

II. Principles in handling money.

A. Save. (Proverbs 21:20)

1. Stay out of debt on depreciated items. Borrow money only on a house, a business and life insurance. (Romans 13:8; Proverbs 22:7; 1 Corinthians 7:23)
2. Close all charge accounts.
3. Destroy credit accounts. (Zechariah 10:2)
4. Wait for God to provide. Do not presume on the grace of God. (Matthew 4:6-7)
5. Build sale's resistance. Use it up, wear it out, make it do or do without.
 - a. Get the facts.
 - b. Ask if it do what it claims.
 - c. Ask if you are buying more than you need.
 - d. Ask if it is the best price.

C. Giving.

1. We are responsible for our stewardship. (1 Corinthians 4:2; Luke 12:47-48)
2. Where to give.
 - a. To those blessing you. (Galatians 6:6; Matthew 10:10)
 - b. To the poor. (Proverbs 19:17; Deuteronomy 14:28)
 - c. To where the kingdom will get the best return.
 - 1) Is it biblical?
 - 2) Are people responding to the message?
 - 3) Are the lives of the leaders illustrating the message?
 - 4) Is it reproducing itself?
 - 5) Is there a standard of excellence?
3. Why give.

- a. God commanded it. (Malachi 3:10)
- b. It is good for you.
- c. Others will get blessed. (2 Corinthians 9)
- d. Those whom you give to are more likely to pray for you.

4. How we should give.

- a. Regularly.
- b. Proportionately. (1 Corinthians 16)
- c. Cheerfully. (2 Corinthians 9:7)
- d. Generously. (2 Corinthians 9:6; Luke 6:38; Isaiah 32:8)

D. Determine why you are short of money. (Deuteronomy 32:8; Proverbs 11:24-25; 21:5; 19:2; 29:1; 13:18; 6:9-11; 23:21; 28:20; 16:11)

III. Conclusion. (Luke 16:10-12)

Application questions:

1. What are some of God's thoughts on money?

2. What is your financial state? What is your plan for improving your finances?

3. Where can you draw the line financially between a place of trusting in your money from a place of wise stewardship before God? Explain.
