

Building A Strong Financial Foundation

Built Strong – Part 3 -- September 3, 2017

“If you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with the true riches of eternity?” – Jesus. Luke 16:11

GOD’S FINANCIAL PLAN

1. REMEMBER GOD is my source! (Law of Ownership)

*“Always remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you the ability to produce wealth. . . .”
Deuteronomy 8:18 (NIV)*

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

2. HONOR GOD first! (Law of Tithing)

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

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

“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.’” Malachi 3:10 (NCV)

“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.” 1 Corinthians 16:2 (LB)

3. SAVE money faithfully. (Law of Investing)

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

“Invest what you have in several different places, because you don’t know what disasters might happen.” Ecclesiastes 11:2 (NCV)

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

4. KEEP good records. (Law of Accounting)

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

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

“Your money can be gone in a flash, as if it had grown wings and flown away like an eagle.” Proverbs 23:5 (TEV)

5. **PLAN** my spending. (Law of Budgeting)

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

THIS INCLUDES:

- Living on a **BUDGET**.

“. . . stupid people spend their money as fast as they get it.” Proverbs 21:20b (TEV)

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

- Setup a **REPAYMENT** plan.

“Don’t withhold repayment of your debts.” Proverbs 3:27a (LB)

“Let no debt remain outstanding.” Romans 13:8 (NIV)

- Make a **WILL**.

“Good people leave an inheritance to their grandchildren. . .” Proverbs 13:22 (NLT)

September: “Make Your Will Month”

6. **ENJOY** what I have. (Law of Contentment)

“If God gives us wealth and property and lets us enjoy them, we should be grateful and enjoy what we have worked for. It is a gift from God.” Ecclesiastes 5:19 (TEV)

“. . . I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances.” Philippians 4:11 (NIV)

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
2. Tithe it
3. Save it
4. Repay it
5. Enjoy it