

sermonnotes

Right on the Money: Part 2

Money is a great tool, but a horrible _____. Our goal should be to use the money tool in a way that honors God and serves people.

We don't serve money—we serve God. Money should serve us as we serve God. (*Luke 16:13*)

Discovering financial freedom is not so much about what you make as it is about how you _____ what you make. We would all like to make more, but if you don't have a plan as to how to manage what you make, you will always be in a place of financial stress.

Principles for Financial Freedom

1. Honor God _____. (*Malachi 3:10*)
 - Tithing opens the way for God's blessing and protection of your life and goods.
2. Develop a _____ for your money.
 - "The plans of the diligent lead to profit as sure as haste leads to poverty."—*Proverbs 21:5*
 - A money plan helps us manage what God has entrusted to us and use it in a wise manner. A good plan will not only help you spend wisely but save for the future.

3. _____ yourself from foolish debt.
 - Foolish debt is debt on a depreciating asset or debt that you cannot repay.
 - "The rich rule over the poor, and the borrower is a servant to the lender."—*Proverbs 22:7*
 - If you pay \$217.93 per month on \$14,517 at 18%, it will take you 40 years to pay off the debt totaling \$ 104,606.40.
4. Embrace the value of _____.
 - "Like a city whose walls are broken down is a man who lacks self-control."—*Proverbs 25:28*
 - "I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances."—*Philippians 4:11*
5. Choose to live _____.
 - "One man gives freely, yet gains even more; another withholds unduly, but comes to poverty. A generous man will prosper; he who refreshes others will himself be refreshed."—*Proverbs 11:24-25*

Answers: master; manage; first; plan; Guard; self-control; generously

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