## **BUILDING A STRONG FINANCIAL FOUNDATION**

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"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. \_\_\_\_\_\_(Law of Ownership) "Always <u>remember the Lord</u> your God, for <u>it is he</u> who gives you the ability <u>to produce wealth</u>..." Deuteronomy 8:18 (NIV)

"<u>Everything comes from God</u>; everything exists by his power; and everything is intended for his glory." Romans 11:36 (NLT)

2. (Law of Tithing) "Honor the Lord by giving Him the <u>first part</u> of <u>all</u> your income, and He will fill your barns... to overflow!" Proverbs 3:9-10 (LB)

"The purpose of tithing is to teach you always <u>to put God first</u> in your lives." Deuteronomy 14:23b (LB)

 

 ""Bring to my storehouse <u>a full tenth</u> of what you earn... <u>Test me</u> in this,' says the LORD. 'I will open the windows of heaven for you and <u>pour out all the blessings</u> you need."" Malachi 3:10 (NCV)

"On the first day of every week <u>put aside some</u> 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.		(Law of Investing)
	"The wise man <u>saves for the future</u> , 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 <u>gathered little by little</u> will grow." Proverbs 13:11 (NCV) (Law of Accounting) <u>"Plan carefully</u> 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. <u>Know the state</u> 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. (Law of Budgeting) "<u>Plan carefully</u> and you will have plenty; if you act too quickly, you will never have enough." Proverbs 21:5 (TEV)

## THIS INCLUDES:

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

"<u>Good planning</u> and <u>hard work</u> lead to prosperity, but hasty shortcuts lead to poverty." Proverbs 21:5 (NLT)

"Don't withhold repayment of your debts." Proverbs 3:27a (LB) "Let no debt remain outstanding." Romans 13:8 (NIV)

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

## FEBRUARY: "MAKE YOUR WILL MONTH"

6. (Law of Contentment) "If God gives us wealth and property and lets us enjoy them, we should <u>be grateful and enjoy</u> what we have worked for. It is a <u>gift from God</u>." Ecclesiastes 5:19 (TEV)

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

WHAT MOST PEOPLE DO:	THE ORDER GOD BLESSES:
1. Spend it	1. Dedicate it
2. Worry about it	2. Tithe it
3. Repay it	3. Save it
4. Save it	4. Repay it
5. Give it	5. Enjov it