

*This Year  
I Will...*

**Part 5:  
Manage My Money Wisely**

**Five Biblical Principles for Managing Money**

**1. Keep** \_\_\_\_\_  
"Riches can disappear fast...so watch your business interests closely. Know the state of your flocks" Proverbs 27:23 (LB)

**2. Plan** \_\_\_\_\_  
"Plan carefully and you will have plenty; if you act too quickly, you will never have enough." Pr. 21:5 (GN)

**3. Save** \_\_\_\_\_  
"The wise man saves for the future, but stupid people spend their money as fast as they get it." Pr. 21:20a (GN)

"...he who gathers money little by little makes it grow." Prov. 13:11

**4. Enjoy** \_\_\_\_\_  
"When God gives any man wealth and possessions, and enables him to enjoy them, to accept his lot and be happy in his work --this is a gift of God." Eccl. 5:19 (See Eccl. 6:3-6)

"I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances." Phil. 4:11

"...godliness with contentment is great gain ...if we have food and clothing; we will be content with that. People who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge men into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs." 1Tim. 6:6-10

**5. Put** \_\_\_\_\_  
Jesus said, "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal... No one can serve two masters... You cannot serve both God and Money." Matt. 6:19, 20, 24

"Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment." 1Tim. 6:17

"Honor the LORD with your wealth, with the first fruits of all your crops; then your barns will be filled to overflowing, and your vats will brim over with new wine." Prov. 3:9, 10

**Daily Meditations**

Take a few minutes every day to read Scripture, pray, and answer some thought-provoking questions pertaining to this week's topic.

This week's memory verse:

"For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." Matt. 6:21

**Monday**

Look back over the message notes from this past weekend. Which of the five points are easiest for you?

Which are a challenge?

Which verses are most difficult for you to apply? Which are easiest?

Ask God to help you develop a balanced, biblical approach to finances this year! Worship Him today for all His blessings on your life!

**Tuesday**

Read Matthew 6:19-24. What did Jesus discourage and why?

How do you "bank" in heaven?

What "two masters" is Jesus talking about in this context?

What did He say about serving them?

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What masters most often fight for your allegiance?

In what ways can you master money?

How can you invest in eternity today?

*Spend time today asking God to help you evaluate your use of money according to Jesus' words in this passage. Thanks God for His blessings.*

### **Wednesday**

Read 1 Timothy 6:5-19. By most international standards, nearly all of us in California are rich. What command is given to us in verse 18?

How do people put their hope in riches?

What does Paul tell Timothy to pursue? How do you do that?

How is this different from what our culture tells us to pursue?

What "principle to live by" do you find in this passage?

*Thank God for giving you everything for your enjoyment. Ask Him to help you put your hope not in riches, but to enjoy what you have as His gift to you. Ask Him to help you pursue faith and godliness.*

### **Thursday**

Read Exodus 20:17. How is the problem of "coveting" related to many money problems? What other problems can it lead to?

What do you "covet"?

In what areas have you overcome covetousness in your life?

Read Proverbs 3:9,10. How can you practice this?

How does this help keep your heart in line regarding money?

*Ask God to help you do a "fearless inventory" of your soul regarding covetousness today. Ask God to give you a contented spirit.*

### **Friday**

Read Matt. 18:20. Where does Jesus say He will be?

Have you ever felt the presence of Christ in a gathering of Christians? What happened?

Read Matt. 25:35-40. How do we encounter Jesus when we serve others?

This week look for opportunities to help others, and view these times as if you were helping Jesus himself-- because that's how he views them!

*Thank God for a healthy church! Pray for the continued health of churches in our area, including our own!*

### **Saturday**

*Please pray for the services this weekend. Pray for the continued vitality of TLC ministries during the winter months. Thanks!*

### **For Further Reading**

Larry Burkett, *How to Manage Your Money*

John MacArthur, *Giving: God's Way*