

SPENDING MONEY WISELY
“Run Straight to the Goal” Part 3
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MONEY IS A TOOL AND A TEST

“If you are untrustworthy about handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with the true riches of heaven?” Luke 16:11 (NLT)

WHAT NOT TO DO WITH MONEY

1. DON'T LOVE IT

“Whoever loves money will never have enough. Whoever loves wealth is never satisfied with his income.” Eccl. 5:10 (NIV)

“The love of money is the first step toward all kinds of sin. Some people have even turned away from God because of their love for it, and as a result have pierced themselves with many sorrows.” 1 Tim. 6:6-10 (LB)

2. DON'T LIVE FOR IT

“No one can serve two masters. You'll be devoted to one and despise the other. You can't serve both God and money.” Luke 16:13(NLT)

“Even wise people are fools if they let money change their thinking.” Eccl. 7:7 (NCV)

3. DON'T TRUST IN IT

“Tell those who are rich in this world not to be proud and not to trust in their money, which will soon be gone. Their trust should be in the living God, who richly gives us all we need for our enjoyment.” 1 Tim. 6:17 (NLT)

“If I have put my trust in money, or if my happiness depends on wealth ...it would mean that I denied the God of heaven.” Job 31:24+28 (LB)

4. DON'T HORD IT

*“Don't store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. Instead store up for yourselves treasures in heaven.”
Matt. 6:19-20 (NIV)*

“Don't hoard your goods; spread them around. Be a blessing to others. This could be your last night.” Eccl. 11:2 (Mes)

WHERE TO SET GOALS

Based on those truths what kind of financial goals should I develop?

1. USE 10% HONOR GODMM

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

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

2. USE SOME TO PAY YOURSELF

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

“Invest what you have in several different places because you don’t know what disasters might happen.” Eccl. 1:2 (NCV)

3. USE SOME TO PROVIDE FOR YOUR FAMILY NEEDS

“If anyone does not provide for his relatives, and especially for his immediate family, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.” 1 Tim. 5:8 (NIV)

4. USE SOME TO GROW YOUR CHARICTER

*“The earnings of the godly enhance their lives, but evil people squander their money on sin.”
Pr. 10:16 (NLT)*

“Buy wisdom, buy education, buy insight.” Pr. 23:23 (Mes)

5. USE SOME TO HELP OTHERS

“Tell people to use their money to do good. They should be rich in good works and should give happily to those in need, always ready to share with others whatever God has given them. By doing this they’ll be storing up real treasure for themselves in heaven – it is the only safe investment for eternity!” 1 Tim. 6:18-19 (LB)

6. USE SOME TO BRING FRIENDS TO JESUS

“Use worldly wealth to gain friends for yourselves, so that when it is gone, you will be welcomed into eternal dwellings.” Lk. 16:9 (NIV)

*“You will honor God through this genuine act of service because of your commitment to spread the Good News of Christ and because of your generosity in sharing...”
2 Cor. 9:13 (GW)*

“Only people who don’t know God are always worrying about material things. Your Father in heaven knows you need all of these. So more than anything else, put God’s work first and do what He wants. Then the other things will be yours as well.” Matt. 6:32-33 (CEV)