

## Money Matters

*Biblical Truth for Today*



### #4 Save All You Can

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#### ◆ Live simply with contentment

<sup>6</sup> Yet true godliness with contentment is itself great wealth. <sup>7</sup> After all, we brought nothing with us when we came into the world, and we can't take anything with us when we leave it. <sup>8</sup> So if we have enough food and clothing, let us be content." (1 Tim 6:6-8)

<sup>17</sup> "You must not covet your neighbor's house .... or anything else that belongs to your neighbor." (Exod 5:17)

<sup>16</sup> So I say, let the Holy Spirit guide your lives. Then you won't be doing what your sinful nature craves. <sup>17</sup> The sinful nature wants to do evil, which is just the opposite of what the Spirit wants. And the Spirit gives us desires that are the opposite of what the sinful nature desires. These two forces are constantly fighting each other, so you are not free to carry out your good intentions." (Gal 5:16-17)

#### ◆ Avoid debt

<sup>7</sup> "Just as the rich rule the poor, so the borrower is servant to the lender" (Prov 22:7)

<sup>23</sup> "You were bought at a price; do not become slaves of human beings." (1 Cor 7:23 NIV)

<sup>8</sup> Owe nothing to anyone—except for your obligation to love one another." (Rom 13:8)

#### ◆ Save for the future, without hoarding

<sup>34</sup> Then Pharaoh should appoint supervisors over the land and let them collect one-fifth of all the crops during the seven good years. <sup>35</sup> Have them gather all the food produced in the good years that are just ahead and bring it to Pharaoh's storehouses. Store it away, and guard it so there will be food in the cities. <sup>36</sup> That way there will be enough to eat when the seven years of famine come to the land of Egypt. Otherwise this famine will destroy the land." (Gen 41:34-36)

<sup>20</sup> "The wise man saves for the future, but the foolish man spends whatever he gets." (Prov 21:20 Living Bible)

<sup>13</sup> "There is another serious problem I have seen under the sun. Hoarding riches harms the saver." (Eccl 5:13)

<sup>15</sup> "Then he said, "Beware! Guard against every kind of greed. Life is not measured by how much you own." <sup>16</sup> Then he told them a story: "A rich man had a fertile farm that produced fine crops. <sup>17</sup> He said to himself, 'What should I do? I don't have room for all my crops.' <sup>18</sup> Then he said, 'I know! I'll tear down my barns and build bigger ones. Then I'll have room enough to store all my wheat and other goods. <sup>19</sup> And I'll sit back and say to myself, "My friend, you have enough stored away for years to come. Now take it easy! Eat, drink, and be merry!"' <sup>20</sup> "But God said to him, 'You fool! You will die this very night. Then who will get everything you worked for?' <sup>21</sup> "Yes, a person is a fool to store up earthly wealth but not have a rich relationship with God." (Luke 12:15-21)

Follow Up: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Questions for Discussion/Further Study:

- Do you live simply? What does living simply mean to you?
- Are you in debt? Is your debt growing or shrinking? What is your plan to get out of debt?
- Do you have any savings? Is it enough? Too much? What would be a healthy amount of savings for you?

#### Next Week: Give All You Can

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