

Finding Financial Freedom

Under New Management #9-11

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Riches disappear in the blink of an eye; wealth sprouts wings and flies off into the wild blue yonder. **Proverbs 23:5 (MSG)**

The earnings of the godly enhance their lives... **Proverbs 10:16 (NLT)**

Why does God give me money?

1. God gives me money **so I can take care of my family.**
2. God gives me money **to advance His work.**
3. God gives me money **to mature me.**
4. God gives me money **to help others.**

To experience financial freedom...

1. I acknowledge that God owns everything.

The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, declares the LORD of hosts. **Haggai 2:8 (ESV)**

O LORD, how many are Your works! In wisdom You have made them all; The earth is full of Your possessions. **Psalms 104:27 (NAS)**

Yours, O LORD, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the victory and the majesty, for all that is in the heavens and in the earth is yours. Yours is the kingdom, O LORD, and you are exalted as head above all. **1 Chronicles 29:11 (ESV)**

2. I resist the pull of my culture.

Don't become so well adjusted to your culture that you fit into it without thinking. Instead, fix your attention on God... **Romans 12:2 (MSG)**

Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said, Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you. **Hebrews 13:5 (NIV)**

3. I get serious about paying my debts.

It's stupid ...to run up huge bills you can never pay. **Proverbs 17:18 (MSG)**

...borrowers are servants to lenders. **Proverbs 22:7b (NCV)**

Evil men borrow and "cannot pay it back"! But the good man returns what he owes with some extra besides. **Psalms 37:21 (LB)**

4. I practice generosity.

A generous man will prosper; he who refreshes others will himself be refreshed. **Proverbs 11:25 (NIV)**

- Generosity **expresses my gratitude to God.** (Ps. 116:17)
- Generosity **identifies me with the greatest giver of all.** (Jn 3:16)
- Generosity **breaks the grip of materialism.** (Lk 12:15)
- Generosity **honors God.** (Pro 3:9)
- Generosity **invests in the future.** (1 Tim 6:18-19)
- Generosity **supports ministry.** (1 Cor 9:14)

5. I rely on God to take care of me.

If you start thinking to yourselves, "I did all this. And all by myself. I'm rich. It's all mine!"—well, think again. Remember that GOD, your God gave you the strength to produce all this wealth so as to confirm the covenant that he promised to your ancestors—as it is today. **Deuteronomy 8:1-18 (MSG)**

Don't put your hope in wealth which is so uncertain. But put your hope in God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. **1 Timothy 6:17 (NIV)**