

well to thy herds.”

Luke 14:28-29 *“For which of you, intending to build a tower, sitteth not down first, and counteth the cost, whether he have sufficient to finish it? Lest haply, after he hath laid the foundation, and is not able to finish it, all that behold it begin to mock him,”*

Let your budget be your boss. What do I:

- Have to have?
- Need to have?
- Want to have?
- Dream to have?

6. Give to yourself and your family.

Proverbs 21:20 *“There is treasure to be desired and oil in the dwelling of the wise; but a foolish man spendeth it up.”*

7. Be generous with God and others.

Proverbs 19:17 *“He that hath pity upon the poor lendeth unto the LORD; and that which he hath given will he pay him again.”*

1 Timothy 6:18 *“That they do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to distribute, willing to communicate;”*

2 Corinthians 9:7 *“Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver.”*



Notes:

FOUNDATIONS OF MY FAITH SERIES

LESSON 10:

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

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From Whom do we receive our resources?

1. God is the source.

James 1:17 *“Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.”*

Haggai 2:8 *“The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, saith the LORD of hosts.”*

Psalms 24:1 *“The earth is the LORD’s, and the fullness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein.”*

What are God’s financial rules?

1. Giving is a command.

Acts 20:35 *“I have shewed you all things, how that so laboring ye ought to support the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, It is more blessed to give than to receive.”*

Luke 6:38 *“Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again.”*

There are 3 main ways to give to God:

A. Tithes

Four helps as we prepare to tithe:

i. Rate (How much?)

Deuteronomy 26:10-11 *“And now, behold, I have brought the firstfruits of the land, which thou, O LORD, hast given me. And thou shalt set it before the LORD thy God, and worship before the LORD thy God: And thou shalt rejoice in every good thing which the LORD thy God hath given unto thee, and unto thine house, and the Levite, and the stranger that is among you.”*

Proverbs 3:9-10 *“Honour the LORD with thy substance, and with the firstfruits of all thine increase: So shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine.”*

ii. Responsibility (What to do?)

Malachi 3:8-10 *“Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings. Ye are cursed with a curse: for ye have robbed me, even this whole nation. Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now, herewith, saith the LORD of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it.”*

a. Assess your income.

b. Bring the tithe to the house of God.

c. Commit it to the Lord by placing it in the offering plate.

iii. Reason (Why?)

a. Practically: Tithing provides for God’s work and His workers.

I Timothy 5:18 *“For the scripture saith, Thou shalt not muzzle the ox that treadeth out the corn. And, The labourer is worthy of his reward.”*

b. Privately: Tithing teaches us to fear the Lord.

Deuteronomy 14:22-23 *“Thou shalt truly tithe all the increase of thy seed...that thou mayest learn to fear the LORD thy God always.”*

iv. Reward (How does God respond?)

Malachi 3:10-12 *“Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the LORD of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it. And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground; neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the field, saith the LORD of hosts. And all nations shall call you blessed: for ye shall be a delightful land, saith the LORD of hosts.”*

When I tithe, God promises me:

He will “rebuke the devourer” and protect my property.

He will open the windows of Heaven to bless me.

I will have what I need when I need it.

I will realize God’s presence in my life.

B. Offerings

C. Alms

2. Go to work.

Ephesians 4:28 *“Let him that stole steal no more: but rather let him labour, working with his hands the thing which is good, that he may have to give to him that needeth.”*

Proverbs 22:29 *“Seest thou a man diligent in his business? he shall stand before kings; he shall not stand before mean men.”*

2 Thessalonians 3:10 *“For even when we were with you, this we commanded you, that if any would not work, neither should he eat.”*

3. Guard against debt.

Proverbs 22:27 *“The rich ruleth over the poor, and the borrower is servant to the lender.”*

Debt discourages, distresses, divides, and disqualifies us.

4. Gain contentment.

I Timothy 6:6, 8 *“But godliness with contentment is great gain. And having food and raiment let us be therewith content.”*

Hebrews 13:5 *“Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.”*

Philippians 4:11 *“Not that I speak in respect of want: for I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content.”*

5. Get on a budget.

Proverbs 27:23 *“Be thou diligent to know the state of thy flocks, and look*