

Accelerating Our Spiritual Growth, Part 7

October 25, 2009 Pastor Bill Bump

If we are going to grow spiritually, we have to know how to manage our money.

REVIEW:

HABITS FOR FINANCIAL BLESSING

1. RECOGNIZE GOD AS MY PROVIDER.

Philippians 4:19 (NLT) And this same God who takes care of me will supply all of your needs from his glorious riches, which have been given to us in Christ Jesus.

2. GIVE GOD A TITHE.

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

3. KEEP GOOD RECORDS.

Proverbs 27:23-24 (LB) Riches can disappear fast....so watch your business interests closely. Know the state of your flocks and your herds...

TODAY:

4. SAVE FOR THE FUTURE.

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

Reasons we don't save:

a. Because of a live for today mentality.

b. Because envy keeps us from doing it.

5. REPAY WHAT YOU OWE.

Proverbs 3:27 (LB) Don't withhold repayment of your debts.

Romans 13:8 (NIV) Let no debt remain outstanding.....

We can coast into debt, but it takes commitment to get out of debt.

Getting out of debt requires discipline.

6. PLAN YOUR SPENDING.

A budget is simply planned spending.

Proverbs 21:5 (GN) Plan carefully and you will have plenty; if you act too quickly, you will never have enough.

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

Use money to enhance your life.

7. ENJOY WHAT YOU HAVE.

Learn to be content.

Ecclesiastes 6:9 (GN) ...It is better to be satisfied with what you have than to always be wanting something else.

What keeps us from being content:

- a. Our yearning exceeds our earning.
- b. We are over extended financially.
- c. Our home life begins to deteriorate.

Ecclesiastes 5:10 (LB) If you love money, you will never be satisfied; if you long to be rich, you will never get all you want. It is useless.

We invite you to look over the verses in your sermon notes this week and ask and answer the following three questions (you are encouraged to get a notebook to record your thoughts):

1. What does the verse say?
2. What does the verse mean?
3. What does the verse mean to me personally?