

Stewarding God's Money: A Father's Perspective

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(Stewardship: See 1 Chronicles 29:11-13; Deuteronomy 8:17-18; Psalm 50:10-12; Job 41:11 Matthew 25:14-30; 2 Corinthians 9:6; Philippians 4:17; Matthew 10:42)

First Principle: SPEND LESS THAT YOU EARN, SO THAT YOU CAN SAVE.

In the house of the wise are stores of choice food and oil, but a foolish man devours all he has.
Proverbs 21:20 (New International Version)

Teach Your Children to Do Two Things with Money They Save

- Establish a cash reserve.
- Contribute to a retirement or investment account.

Second Principle: AVOID THE USE OF DEBT.

The rich rule over the poor, and the borrower is servant to the lender. Proverbs 22:6-7 (NIV)

Then he said to them, "Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; a man's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions." Luke 12:15 (NIV)

"But godliness with contentment is great gain, for we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world. But if we have food and clothing, with these we will be content." 1 Timothy 6:6-8 (ESV)

". . . be content with what you have." Hebrew 13:5 (NIV)

Third Principle: PLAN FOR FINANCIAL HEALTH.

Good planning and hard work lead to prosperity, but hasty shortcuts lead to poverty.
Proverbs 21:5 (New Living Translation)