

- 1) What, if any, were the conversations you and your family had about money when you were growing up?**
- 2) How easy, or difficult, is it for you to keep track of where your money really goes? How much money do you spend each month on “impulse” purchases?**
- 3) Which is more true for you: “I have control over my possessions” or “my possessions have control over me”?**
- 4) What would it look like if you kept only the possessions that: serve a specific purpose and get used, add value to your life, or bring you great joy?**
- 5) Which of the following is most difficult for you:**
 - a) paying a tithe and offering first?**
 - b) creating a budget and tracking your expenses?**
 - c) simplifying your lifestyle (living below you means)?**
 - d) establishing an emergency fund?**
 - e) paying off your credit cards, using a debit card for purchases, and using credit wisely?**
 - f) practicing long-term savings and investing habits?**

Link to video used in worship:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GgBpyNsS-jU>



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Timothy 6:17–19

As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.



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Be clear about purpose and calling.



Genesis 12:1–2

Now the Lord said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing.”



Matthew 6:24

“No one can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.”



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Set worthy goals.



Proverbs 21:5

The plans of the diligent lead surely to abundance, but everyone who is hasty comes only to want.



Proverbs 21:5 *The Message Bible*
**Careful planning puts you ahead in the long
run; hurry and scurry puts you further behind.**



The discipline of managing your money



The discipline of managing your money:

Pay tithe and offering first.

Create a budget and track your expenses.

Simplify your lifestyle (live below your means)

Establish an emergency fund.

Pay off your credit cards, use debit cards for purchases, and use credit wisely.

Practice long-term savings and investing habits.



Proverbs 3:9

**Honor the Lord with your substance and with
the first fruits of all your produce.**



**Earn all you can. Save all you can. Give
all you can.**

John Wesley



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