

1 Chron. 29:11 Thine, O LORD, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for all that is in the heaven and in the earth is thine; thine is the kingdom, O LORD, and thou art exalted as head above all. 12 Both riches and honour come of thee, and thou reignest over all; and in thine hand is power and might; and in thine hand it is to make great, and to give strength unto all.

13 Now therefore, our God, we thank thee, and praise thy glorious name.

<u>14</u> But who *am* I, and what *is* my people, that we should be able to offer so willingly after this sort? for all things *come* of thee, and **of thine own have we given thee**.

15 For we are strangers before thee, and sojourners, as were all our fathers:

our days on the earth are as a shadow, and there is none abiding FINANCIAL

<u>16</u> O LORD our God, all this store that we have prepared to build thee an house for thine holy name *cometh* of thine hand, and *is* all thine own.

17 I know also, my God, that thou triest the heart, and hast pleasure in uprightness. As for me, in the uprightness of mine heart I have willingly offered all these things: and now have I seen with joy thy people, which are present here, to offer willingly unto thee.

1. Understand Ownership/Stewardship principle.

Psa. 24:1, Deut. 8:18, Eccl. 5:19, 1 Cor. 4:1-2, 1 Pet. 4:10

2. Develop a plan for stewardship.

Deut. 12:11, Mal. 3:10, 1 Cor. 16:2

• Where? The place God has chosen – the House of God.

1 Tim. 3:15

 How much? The amount God has chosen – a tithe, offering, alms

Lev. 27:30, Deut. 14:22, Mal. 3:8, Mt. 23:23

• When? The first day of the week = Sunday.

10/10/80 Plan = 10% tithe + 10% savings + 80% expenses



3. Discipline yourself to implement the plan.

Ex. 36:2 And Moses called Bezaleel and Aholiab, and every wise hearted man, in whose heart the LORD had put wisdom, even every one whose heart stirred him up to come unto the work to do it:

Deut. 6:3 Hear therefore, O Israel, and observe to do it; that it may be well with thee, and that ye may increase mightily, as the LORD God of thy fathers hath promised thee, in the land that floweth with milk and honey.

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1 Chron. 28:10 Take heed now; for the LORD hath chosen thee to build an house for the sanctuary: be strong, and do it.

1 Chron. 28:20 And David said to Solomon his son, Be strong and of good courage, and do it: fear not, nor be dismayed: for the LORD God, even my God, will be with thee; he will not fail thee, nor forsake thee, until thou hast finished all the work for the service of the house of the LORD.

Eccl. 9:10 Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might; for there is no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom, in the grave, whither thou goest.

Eccl. 10:10 If the iron be blunt, and he do not whet the edge, then must he put to more strength: but wisdom is profitable to direct.



Jn. 2:5 His mother saith unto the servants, Whatsoever he saith unto you, do it.

Col. 3:23 And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men;

Phil. 4:13 I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.

4. Be satisfied with the present.

<u>Lu. 3:14</u> And the soldiers likewise demanded of him, saying, And what shall we do? And he said unto them, Do violence to no man, neither accuse *any* falsely; and **be content with your wages**.



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

- 1 Tim. 6:6 But godliness with contentment is great gain.
- 7 For we brought nothing into *this* world, *and it is* certain we can carry nothing out.
- 8 And having food and raiment let us be therewith content.
- 9 But they that will be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition.

 10 For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while FINANCIAL
- 10 For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.

Heb. 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.

5. Anticipate the unexpected challenges.

Mt. 24:44 Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh.

Prov. 27:1 Boast not thyself of to morrow; for thou knowest not what a day may bring forth.

Jas. 4:14 Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For what

is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away.

15 For that ye *ought* to say, If the Lord will, we shall live, and do this, or that.



- Have a plan. Have a backup plan.
- Establish an emergency fund.

9 Ways to Build Your Emergency Fund from daveramsey.com on 19 Jan 2012

Get a second job

Sell some stuff

Stop eating out so much

Carpool to work and activities

Kick the habit

Ditch the cable



Buy used things

Get a piggy bank

Use your energy

http://www.daveramsey.com/blog/build-an-emergency-fund-fast/



Conclusion

<u>Prov. 30:24</u> There be four *things which are* little upon the earth, but **they are exceeding wise**:

25 The ants are a people not strong, yet they prepare their meat in the summer;

Prov. 14:15 The simple believeth every word: but the prudent man looketh well to his going.

Prov. 22:3 A prudent man foreseeth the evil, and hideth himself: but the simple pass on, and are punished.

Rom. 14:12 So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God.

