

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. <u>1 Tim. 3:15</u>
- 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, Deut. 6:3, 1 Chron. 28:10, 20 Eccl. 9:10, 10:10 Jn. 2:5, Col. 3:23, Phil. 4:13

4. Be satisfied with the present.

Lu. 3:14, Phil. 4:11, 1 Tim. 6:6-10, Heb. 13:5



5. Anticipate the unexpected challenges.

Mt. 24:44, Prov. 27:1, Jas. 4:14

Have a plan. Have a backup plan.

Establish an emergency fund.

9 Ways to Build Your Emergency Fund

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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/



6. Enjoy the opportunities to be a blessing.

2 Cor. 8:5 And this they did, not as we hoped, but first gave their own selves to the Lord, and unto us by the will of God.

<u>2 Cor. 8:7</u> Therefore, as ye abound in every *thing, in* faith, and utterance, and knowledge, and *in* all diligence, and *in* your love to us, **see that ye abound in this grace also**.

8 I speak not by commandment, but by occasion of the forwardness of others, and to prove the sincerity of your love.

9 For we know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that.

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9 For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich.

2 Cor. 8:12 For if there be first a willing mind, it is accepted according to that a man hath, and not according to that he hath not.

<u>2 Cor. 8:21</u> Providing for honest things, not only in the sight of the Lord, but also in the sight of men.

<u>2 Cor. 8:24</u> Wherefore shew ye to them, and before the churches, **the proof of your love**, and of our boasting on your behalf.

<u>2 Cor. 9:6</u> But this *I say*, He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully.

<u>7</u> Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not

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grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver.

8 And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work:

<u>2 Cor. 9:12</u> For the administration of this service not only supplieth the want of the saints, but is abundant also by many thanksgivings unto God;

7. Invest in eternal dividends. (Sacrificial offerings)

1 Chron. 29:3 Moreover, because I have set my affection to the house of my God, I have of mine own proper good, of gold and silver, which I have given to the house of my God, over and above all that I have prepared for the holy house,

Col. 3:2 Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth.

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8. Evaluate the broader picture.

Mt. 6:19 Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal:

20 But lay up for yourselves **treasures in heaven**, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal:

21 For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

<u>Lu. 6:45</u> A good man out of the **good treasure of his heart** bringeth forth that which is good; and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is evil: for **of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaketh**.

9. Sow good memories.

Prov. 10:7 The memory of the just is blessed: but the name of the wicked shall rot.

Mt. 26:13 Verily I say unto you, Wheresoever this gospel shall be preached in the whole world, there shall also this, that this woman hath done, be told for a memorial of her.



10. Prepare for the final audit.

Rom. 14:10 But why dost thou judge thy brother? or why dost thou set at nought thy brother? for we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ.

11 For it is written, As I live, saith the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God.

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



Conclusion

Prov. 30:24 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.

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

1 Cor. 4:2 Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful.

1 Pet. 4:10 As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.