

# FINANCIAL FREEDOM

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## How Do I Make Wise Financial Decisions?

“Then he said to them, “Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions.” Luke 12:15

Reading: Matthew 6:24-34

## Signs I Am Not Making Wise Financial Decisions:

- I. My debt is \_\_\_\_\_ or I am making the \_\_\_\_\_ monthly payment only.
- II. If I miss one pay check I can't pay my bills.
- III. My spouse and I argue constantly over money.
- IV. I don't put money into my savings or \_\_\_\_\_ every month.
- V. I made at least one \_\_\_\_\_ purchase last week that has hurt my financial stability.  
(Ephesians 5:3-5, NLT)
- VI. Because of my financial situation I feel I can't \_\_\_\_\_ God in being generous to those in need (2 Corinthians 9:6-8).
- VII. I'm constantly \_\_\_\_\_ about money.

## Five Game Changing Decisions We Can Make To Get Financial Freedom:

- I Identify the \_\_\_\_\_ problem of your spending.
  - A) So every tree that does not produce good fruit is chopped down and thrown into the fire. Yes, just as you can identify a tree by its fruit, so you can identify people by their actions. Matthew 7:19-20
  - B) Ask the question why am I spending out of control?
- II Choose a Godly \_\_\_\_\_ over blind hope.
  - A) Wise people think before they act; fools don't—and even brag about their foolishness, Proverbs 13:16
  - B) Do I have a monthly \_\_\_\_\_ that tells my money where to go?
- III Choose \_\_\_\_\_ over credit.

Owe no one anything except to love one another. Romans 13:8

IV Choose \_\_\_\_\_ over desire.

A) Blessed is the one whom God corrects; so do not despise the discipline of the Almighty. Job 5:17

B) Did I make unplanned and unneeded \_\_\_\_\_ this week?

V Choose \_\_\_\_\_ handed living over closed handed living.

A) There will always be poor people in the land. Therefore I command you to be openhanded toward your fellow Israelites who are poor and needy in your land. Deuteronomy 15:11

B) Do I make \_\_\_\_\_ not to live generously? Am I afraid to live generously because I don't trust God?