

FINANCIAL FREEDOM

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How Do I Manage My Wealth?

Commit everything you do to the LORD. Trust him, and he will help you. Psalm 37:5

Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life.

1 Timothy 6:17-19

The Truth About Millionaires:

- A) See "Everyday Millionaires" by Chris Hogan.
- B) You may wander into debt, but you won't wander into wealth.
- C) SMART Goals:
 - 1) _____
 - 2) _____
 - 3) _____
 - 4) _____
 - 5) _____

Wealth Management Principles:

- I _____ that God owns it all.
 - A) Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God. 1 Timothy 6:17
 - B) Then Jesus said to his disciples, "Truly I tell you, it is hard for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of heaven. Again I tell you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." Matthew 19:23-24
 - C) "If I put my trust in money, if my happiness depends on wealth...it would mean that I denied the God of Heaven." Job 31:24-25, 28 (TLB)
- II _____ my money for today, and for eternity.

- A) "Then the man who had received the one talent came. 'Master,' he said, 'I knew that you are a hard man, harvesting where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered seed. So I was afraid and went out and hid your talent in the ground. See, here is what belongs to you.' "His master replied, 'You wicked, lazy servant! So you knew that I harvest where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered seed? Well then, you should have put my money on deposit with the bankers, so that when I returned I would have received it back with interest. "Take the talent from him and give it to the one who has the ten talents. For everyone who has will be given more, and he will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken from him. And throw that worthless servant outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' Matthew 25:24-30
- B) When God gives us wealth, He doesn't give it to us so we can just be consumers.

III _____ ever increasing generosity.

- A) John Wesley's wealth principles:
- 1) _____ all you can.
 - 2) _____ all you can.
 - 3) _____ all you can.
- B) Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. 1 Timothy 6:18
- C) Tell them to use their money to do good. They should be rich in good works and should give happily to those in need, always being ready to share with others whatever God has given them. 1 Timothy 6:18 (TLB)
- D) For God is the one who provides seed for the farmer and then bread to eat. In the same way, he will provide and increase your resources and then produce a great harvest of generosity in you. 2 Corinthians 9:10
- E) Levels of generosity:
- 1) _____ generosity.
 - 2) _____ generosity.
 - 3) _____ generosity.
- F) From everyone who has been given much, much will be demanded & from the one who has been entrusted with much, much more will be asked. Luke 12:48

IV _____ God with my entire life.

- A) In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life. 1 Timothy 6:19

- B) But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. Matthew 6:20-21
- C) And they exceeded our expectations: They gave themselves first of all to the Lord, and then by the will of God also to us. 2 Corinthians 8:5

NEXT STEPS:

- I will memorize Matthew 6:20-21.
- I will follow the 4 Financial Freedom Wealth Management Principles discussed today.