

**Title: Saving and Investing**  
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### The bible about money

- bible says more about MONEY than it does :
  - water baptism
  - the Lord's supper
  - the rapture
- “Money,” is found in 133 verses of scripture.
- “riches” = 90 verses
- “rich” = 186 verses
- “Wealth” = 43 verses.
- “Gold” = 427 verses, “silver” in 284 verses.
- “Treasure” = 35 verses, “treasures” = 55 verses, “spoil” in 106 verses, “wages” in 17 verses. 16/38 parables - finances
- NT more verses on money/heaven & hell combined.
- 5 X more money verses > prayer.
- 500+ verses Prayer & Faith / 2000+ Money & possessions, wealth etc.

John MacArthur, Jr.

### “Biblical hierarchy of financial management”

1. relationship/heart
2. budget
3. save
4. invest

### 1) Heart

#### a. principle relationship vs. performance

- good financial performance = natural consequence of healthy relationship.

**root: relationship**

**fruit: performance**

#### John 15:5

“I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing.”

- good performance financially = healthy relationship with money.

#### b. money serves us

#### Matthew 6:24

“No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon.”

- We serve God & money serves us
- “Money is a good servant, but a poor master.”

- 2 ways servant – 1) budgeting & 2) giving.
- **“Richest man in Babylon” - George Clason** is money bad?
- **money is not problem, but love of money**

### 1 Timothy 6:10

“For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, for which some have strayed from the faith in their greediness, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.”

#### c. mammon influence-signs

- Worried about your money
- Impulsive buying or always going for the bargains.
- Discontentment - never having enough.
- Stinginess - “I cannot afford it” although you can.
- Greed – wanting more of what you already have.
- Mishandling of debt – never getting out of debt.

## 2) Budget

### a. practical yet spiritual

"Show me your budget and I can show you your heart."

**Matthew 6:20-22 & Mark 12:41**

## 3) Saving

Age 65:

- 2% financially independent (US)
- 3% SA
- 23% working
- 30% charity
- 45% relatives

Low income or bad stewardship?

### a. scripture

#### Proverbs 21:20

<sup>20</sup>There is precious treasure and oil in the dwelling of the wise, but a foolish man swallows it up.

#### Proverbs 21:20 (LB)

<sup>20</sup>The wise man saves for the future, but the foolish man spends whatever he gets.

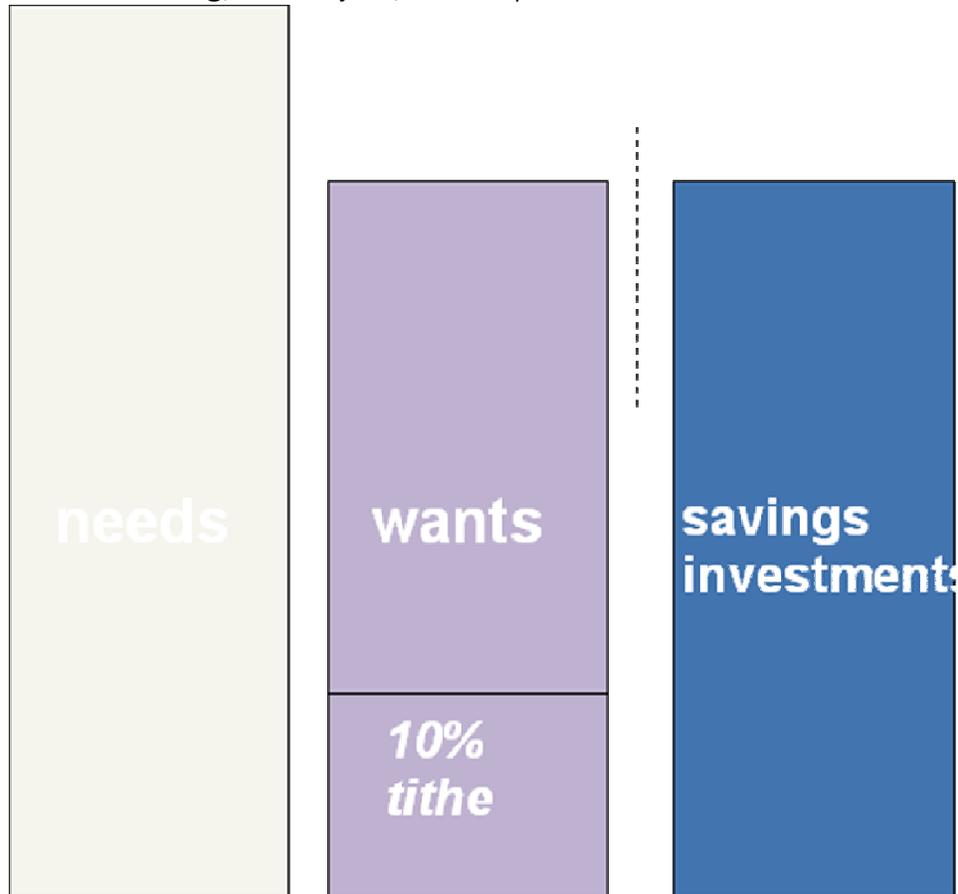
#### Proverbs 30:24-25

Four things are small on the earth, but they are exceedingly wise: the ants are not a strong folk, but they prepare their food in the summer.

### b. high level principles

- budget to save money
- Start small = 1% is better than 0%. 2% is better than 1%
- capital: work towards 3 months – min 1 month
- monthly: 10-30% of budget

- cash empowers – opportunities
- Jesus is King, cash is jack, wife is queen



#### 4) Investing

##### a. investment goals

##### a. Acceptable investment goals

- Leaving an inheritance
- Providing for your family

##### b. Unacceptable investment goals

- the desire to become rich

##### Providing for your family

##### 1 Timothy 5:8

<sup>8</sup>But if anyone does not provide for his own, and especially for those of his household, he has denied the faith, and is worse than an unbeliever.

##### Leaving an inheritance

##### Proverbs 13:22

<sup>22</sup>A good man leaves an inheritance to his children's children.

##### Proverbs 19:14

<sup>14</sup>House and wealth are an inheritance from fathers.

### **1 Timothy 6:9**

<sup>9</sup>“which plunge men into ruin and destruction”

### **When we desire to become rich we are loving money**

### **1 Timothy 6:10**

<sup>10</sup>“For the love of money is a root of all sorts of evil, and some by longing for it have wandered away from the faith, and pierced themselves with many a pang”

### **Flee the temptation to desire to become rich**

### **1 Timothy 6:11**

<sup>11</sup>“Flee from these things [the desire to get rich], you man of God; and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, perseverance and gentleness”

### **b. Three E's**

Three E's of investments:

1. *Education*: financial literacy
2. *Experience*: discernment & wisdom in application
3. *Excess cash*: invest seed money and not bread money

### **2 Corinthians 9:10**

- Start taking risks with small amounts
- Team sport: lawyer, accountant, broker, investor, real estate agent, banker, handyman, etc...

### **c. Biblical guidance**

#### **1. Know where the Lord wants you to invest**

### **Isaiah 48:17**

<sup>7</sup>I am the Lord your God, who teaches you to profit, who leads you in the way you should go

#### **2. Diversify**

### **Ecclesiastes 11:2**

<sup>2</sup>Divide your portion to seven, or even to eight, for you do not know what misfortune may occur on the earth

Never put all your eggs in one basket

Where am I in my lifecycle?

- *Young people*: higher risk investments (small-cap shares, currencies, speculation, etc.)
- *Middle-years (40-50)*: medium risk investments (property, bonds, “blue-chip” shares, etc.)
- *Retirement phase*: capital preservation through low-risk bonds, money market, property, etc.

#### **3. Business/vocation before acquiring home**

### **Proverbs 24:27**

<sup>27</sup>Prepare your work outside, and make it ready for yourself in the field; afterwards, then, build your house

#### 4. Avoid Risky Investments

##### **Ecclesiastes 5:13-14**

<sup>13</sup>There is a grievous evil which I [Solomon] have seen... <sup>14</sup>riches were lost through a bad investment.

##### **Ecclesiastes 5:13-16 (LB)**

<sup>13</sup>There is another problem I have seen everywhere—<sup>14</sup>savings are put into risky investments that turn sour, and soon there is nothing left to pass on to one's son. <sup>15</sup>The man who speculates is soon back to where he began—with nothing. <sup>16</sup>This, as I have said, is a serious problem, for all his hard work has been for nothing; he has been working for the wind. It is all swept away

#### 5. Be a Steady Plodder

##### **Proverbs 21:5**

<sup>5</sup>The plans of the diligent lead surely to advantage

##### **Proverbs 21:5 (LB)**

<sup>5</sup>Steady plodding bring prosperity

##### **Proverbs 21:5**

<sup>5</sup>Everyone who is hasty comes surely to poverty

##### **Proverbs 28:20**

<sup>20</sup>He who makes haste to be rich will not go unpunished

Compound interest – 8<sup>th</sup> wonder of the world

Marno & Danieel

M: R200/month 22 to 28 (7 years)

D: Same from 28 to 65 (36 years).

R127 249.94

Rule of 72:  $72/15\% = 4.8$  years

##### **Luke 12:42**

<sup>42</sup>And the Lord said, “Who then is that faithful and wise steward, whom his master shall make ruler over his household, to give them their portion of food in due season?”

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