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Sunday, October 28, 2018

**“FREEDOM FROM DEBT”**

(Luke 16:11)

*Ideal families* would always have exactly what they need and never want for anything. They would never overspend or become slaves to debt. Most of us live in *real families*, not *ideal families*. The Bible has much to say about our financial lives. How can we know financial freedom?

**1. KEEP \_\_\_\_\_ (Proverbs 27:23-24).**

*“Know well the condition of your flocks, and give attention to your herds, for riches do not last forever; and does a crown endure to all generations?”* (Proverbs 27:23-24, ESV).

**2. PLAN YOUR \_\_\_\_\_ (Proverbs 21:5).**

*“The plans of the diligent lead surely to abundance, but everyone who is hasty comes only to poverty”* (Proverbs 21:5, ESV).

**3. SAVE FOR \_\_\_\_\_ (Proverbs 21:20).**

*“Precious treasure and oil are in a wise man’s dwelling”* (Proverbs 21:20, ESV).

**4. RETURN \_\_\_\_\_ BACK TO GOD (Proverbs 3:9-10).**

*“Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. And thereby put me to the test, says the Lord of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you a blessing until there is no more need”* (Malachi 3:10, ESV).

**1. It’s an act of \_\_\_\_\_.**

**2. It’s an act of \_\_\_\_\_.**

**3. It’s a \_\_\_\_\_.**

**5. ENJOY \_\_\_\_\_ (Ecclesiastes 6:9).**

*“Enjoy what you have rather than desiring what you don’t have. Just dreaming about nice things is meaningless—like chasing the wind” (Ecclesiastes 6:9, NLT).*

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**1. KEEP GOOD RECORDS (Proverbs 27:23-24).**

*“Know well the condition of your flocks, and give attention to your herds, for riches do not last forever; and does a crown endure to all generations?” (Proverbs 27:23-24, ESV).*

**Ignorance of your financial condition + easy credit = disaster.**

**2. PLAN YOUR SPENDING (Proverbs 21:5).**

*“The plans of the diligent lead surely to abundance, but everyone who is hasty comes only to poverty” (Proverbs 21:5, ESV).*

*“Fools spend whatever they get” (Proverbs 21:20, NLT).*

**3. SAVE FOR THE FUTURE (Proverbs 21:20).**

*“Precious treasure and oil are in a wise man’s dwelling” (Proverbs 21:20, ESV).*

*“She prepares her bread in summer and gathers her food in harvest” (Proverbs 6:8, ESV).*

**4. RETURN TEN PERCENT BACK TO GOD (Proverbs 3:9-10).**

*“Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. And thereby put me to the test, says the Lord of hosts, if I will not*

*open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you a blessing until there is no more need” (Malachi 3:10, ESV).*

*“Honor the Lord with your wealth and with the first fruits of all your produce; then your barns will be filled” (Proverbs 3:9-10, ESV).*

**1. It’s an act of gratitude for the past.**

**2. It’s an act of priority in the present.**

**3. It’s a statement of faith.**

**5. ENJOY WHAT YOU HAVE (Ecclesiastes 6:9).**

*“Enjoy what you have rather than desiring what you don’t have. Just dreaming about nice things is meaningless—like chasing the wind” (Ecclesiastes 6:9, NLT).*

*“Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have” (Hebrews 13:5, ESV).*