

The Reset- Giving, Saving, and Spending

Giving is laying up for eternity, Saving is laying up for the near future, and Spending is present-day management.

Giving: laying up for eternity

Luke 6:38

³⁸ Give, and it will be given to you. They will pour into your lap a good measure—pressed down, shaken together, *and* running over. For by your standard of measure it will be measured to you in return.”

Matthew 5:42

⁴² Give to him who asks of you, and do not turn away from him who wants to borrow from you.

Luke 6:34-36

³⁴ If you lend to those from whom you expect to receive, what credit is *that* to you? Even sinners lend to sinners in order to receive back the same *amount*. ³⁵ But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High; for He Himself is kind to ungrateful and evil *men*. ³⁶ Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

Proverbs 21:25-26

²⁵ The desire of the sluggard puts him to death, For his hands refuse to work; ²⁶ All day long he is craving, While the righteous gives and does not hold back.

“He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep to gain what he cannot lose.” - Jim Elliot

Psalms 37:25-26

²⁵ I have been young and now I am old, Yet I have not seen the righteous forsaken Or his descendants begging bread. ²⁶ All day long he is gracious and lends, And his descendants are a blessing.

Saving: Laying up for the future, for the day of trouble and for the next generation

Proverbs 13:22

²² A good man leaves an inheritance to his children’s children, And the wealth of the sinner is stored up for the righteous.

But didn’t Jesus say that people of faith were not to save money on earth?

Matthew 6:19-21

¹⁹ “Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. ²⁰ But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys, and where thieves do not break in or steal; ²¹ for where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Hebrews 13:5

⁵ *Make sure that* your character is free from the love of money, being content with what you have; for He Himself has said, “I will never desert you, nor will I ever forsake you”

Philippians 4:12-13

¹² I know how to get along with humble means, and I also know how to live in prosperity; in any and every circumstance I have learned the secret of being filled and going hungry, both of having abundance and suffering need. ¹³ I can do all things through Him who strengthens me.

Job 5:19 ¹⁹ “From six troubles He will deliver you, Even in seven evil will not touch you.

Ecclesiastes 11:2

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

Physical health (wounds and pain), famine, war, loss of reputation (scourge of the tongue), violence, loss of abode, death, wild beasts

Proverbs 10:15: ¹⁵ The rich man's wealth is his fortress, The ruin of the poor is their poverty.

Spending: Present-day management

The Bible has the least to say about this, but how we spend is perhaps the clearest indicator of our priorities.

The key to pleasing God with money is to engage with Him as the Master of all, and take our place as stewards.

Luke 12:42-43

⁴² And the Lord said, "Who then is the faithful and sensible steward, whom his master will put in charge of his servants, to give them their rations at the proper time? ⁴³ Blessed is that slave whom his master finds so doing when he comes.

1 Timothy 5:8

⁸ 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.

Luke 15:13-14

¹³ And not many days later, the younger son gathered everything together and went on a journey into a distant country, and there he squandered his estate with loose living. ¹⁴ Now when he had spent everything, a severe famine occurred in that country, and he began to be impoverished.

Luke 10:33-35

³³ But a Samaritan, who was on a journey, came upon him; and when he saw him, he felt compassion, ³⁴ and came to him and bandaged up his wounds, pouring oil and wine on *them*; and he put him on his own beast, and brought him to an inn and took care of him. ³⁵ On the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper and said, 'Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, when I return I will repay you.' ³⁶ Which of these three do you think proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell into the robbers' *hands*?' ³⁷ And he said, "The one who showed mercy toward him." Then Jesus said to him, "Go and do the same."