

Solomon's five foundations for financial freedom.

1. Keep good **RECORDS**.

Proverbs 27:23-24 (NASB) "Know well the condition of your flocks, and pay attention to your herds; For riches are not forever, nor does a crown endure to all generations."

There are four things you need to know.

1. I need to know **what I own**.
2. I need to know **what I owe**.
3. I need to know **what I earn**.
4. I need to know **where it goes**.

2. Plan your **SPENDING**.

Proverbs 21:5 (NASB) "The plans of the diligent lead surely to advantage, but everyone who is hasty comes surely to poverty."

Proverbs 21:20 (NASB) "There is precious treasure and oil in the dwelling of the wise, but a foolish man swallows it up."

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3. **SAVE** for the future.

Proverbs 13:11 (NASB) "Wealth obtained by fraud swindles, but the one who gathers by labor increases it."

Proverbs 6 "Consider the ant how industrious he is. He stores up little by little in the summer so that when the winter comes he's not devastated."

4. Be **CONTENT** with what you have.

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Philippians 4:11-12 (NASB) "Not that I speak from want, for I have learned to be content in whatever circumstances I am. 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."



5. Give your TITHES and OFFERINGS back to God.

Proverbs 3:9-10 "Honor the Lord from you wealth and from the first of all your produce; so your barns will be filled with plenty and your vats will overflow with now wine."

Matthew 5:6 (NASB)"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied."

Application:

Who or what is Lord over your financial life?

Do you consider God's purposes when you consider how you spend, invest, save, or give?

God has chosen finances to be the acid test of your faith. How would you grade your test? My faith life can be considered:

- A – Superior.
- B – Above Average.
- C – Average
- D – Below Average
- F – Failure

On a Scale of 1 to 10 what is your contentment factor. 1 = I do not know what it is to be content and 10 = I constantly live in peace and contentment no matter what circumstance I find myself.

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Are you faithful with what God has provided you?

If not, what do you need to do to bring you life into conformity with God's will and God's Word?

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