

Contentment

Life Helps

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Naked a man comes from his mother's womb, and as he comes, so he departs. He takes nothing from his labor that he can carry in his hand.

Ecclesiastes 5:15 (NIV)

Caution: Don't let money _____ me!

Then he said to them, "Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; a man's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions."

Luke 12:15 (NIV)

Four Reasons We Have Money:

1. To _____ God

Honor the LORD with your wealth, with the firstfruits of all your crops.

Proverbs 3:9 (NIV)

2. To _____ for our family

If anyone does not provide for his relatives, and especially for his immediate family, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.

1 Timothy 5:8 (NIV)

3. To _____ our country

Give everyone what you owe him: If you owe taxes, pay taxes; if revenue, then revenue; if respect, then respect; if honor, then honor.

Romans 13:7 (NIV)

4. To _____ It!

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.

1 Timothy 6:17 (NIV)

Strategy:

- _____ % - **Church**
- _____ % - **Savings**
- _____ % - **Family and Fun**

Our goal is to get to a point that money is not a b _____ but a b _____.

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 (NIV)

1. I use God's money for _____

And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.

Hebrews 13:16 (NIV)

2. I view my _____ from God's Perspective

"Deeds" =

Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving.

Colossians 3:23-24 (NIV)

If we work _____ hours a week and sleep _____ hours a day, then we have _____ hours of our week for _____.

3. I _____ to _____

Now, our God, we give You thanks, and praise Your glorious name. “But who am I, and who are my people, that we should be able to give as generously as this? Everything comes from You, and we have given You only what comes from Your hand.”

1 Chronicles 29:13-14 (NIV)

So if everything _____ to God, _____ from God and is _____ by God then...everything I do should _____ God!

1. I honor God with _____

2. I trust God with _____ things

3. I live for God with _____ things

We have an opportunity for our lives to impact _____ and experience the _____ of this _____.

I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. I can do everything through Him who gives me strength.

Philippians 4:12-13 (NIV)

“Secret” =