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1. Give to God first.

We’re called to give to God first. That means before we pay our monthly bills, go on any shopping trips, or make the plunge on buying that item you’ve been eyeing for a while. God calls us to bring the first and best part of everything we produce to Him.

“Honor the Lord with your wealth and with the best part of everything you produce. Then He will fill your barns with grain, and your vats will overflow with good wine.” –Proverbs 3:9-10

2. Nothing is ours. It all belongs to God.

Everything we are and everything we have on this earth has been given and made by God. We are all called to be good stewards of the time, talent, and treasures God has entrusted to us.

“Rich and poor have this in common: the Lord is the Maker of them all.” –Proverbs 22:2

3. Earthly treasures will quickly disappear but eternal treasures are everlasting.

Don’t get so focused on earthly treasures that you forget to build your heavenly ones. What will last are the heavenly, eternal rewards the Lord gives us for faithfully following Him.

“Do not wear yourself out to get rich; do not trust your own cleverness. Cast but a glance at riches, and they are gone, for they will surely sprout wings and fly off like an eagle.” –Proverbs 23:4-5

4. Don’t compare yourself to others.

At some point, we’ve all tried to keep up with the Joneses. But God warns us against this. He encourages us to fix our eyes on Him and not material riches of this world that will one day vanish.

“Do not envy sinners, but always continue to fear the Lord. You will be rewarded for this; your hope will not be disappointed.” –Proverbs 23:17-18

5. Don't be afraid to work.

The Bible says there's a time for everything- for rest, war, peace, tears, and rejoicing. Work is no exception to this. God wants us to pray to Him and ask Him for what we need. But, He also wants us to put in the work to get it.

"Whoever works his land will have plenty of bread, but he who follows worthless pursuit lacks sense." –Proverbs 12:11

6. God cares about the heart behind the gift.

The Lord promises to reward His children who earn money honestly and give generously. It doesn't matter if you earn a little or a lot. It doesn't matter if you give a little or a lot. What matters is your heart behind your earnings and generosity.

"Dishonest money dwindles away, but whoever gathers money little by little makes it grow." – Proverbs 13:11

7. Plan ahead.

Before you begin anything, make sure you have sufficient resources to finish it. This is true for a farmer preparing his fields to plant and harvest. It's also true for someone now preparing to build a house. Be wise with your finances. Look ahead, plan for unforeseen expenses, and don't begin projects until you're sure you have what it needs to see it all the way through.

"Put your outdoor work in order and get your fields ready; after that, build your house." –Proverbs 24:27

8. Our relationship with God is what makes us rich, not money.

The Lord has already blessed all of us abundantly. He sacrificed His Son for us and He continues to give us what we need every day. What truly makes us rich is our relationship with Him, not the material possessions of this world.

"The blessing of the Lord makes rich, and He adds no sorrow with it." –Proverbs 10:22