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10 "Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much. 11 So if you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches? 12 And if you have not been trustworthy with someone else's property, who will give you property of your own?



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God uses money to test your gratitude, your faith, values, and your character.

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I TELL YOU, USE WORLDLY WEALTH TO MAKE FRIENDS FOR YOURSELVES, SO THAT WHEN IT IS GONE, THEY WILL WELCOME YOU INTO ETERNAL DWELLINGS.

#### Money is a spiritual discipline.

Yes, we need to manage debt and our lifestyle.

We need to prove our <u>faithfulness to God</u> and it has <u>eternal consequences!</u>

The Bible has lots of advice.
Solomon is filled with wise counsel.

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The faucet is not the source, it is the channel.

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How do you know when something else other than God is your source of security?

**YOU WORRY!** 

Romans 11:35-36

Prov 16:3

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## DELIGHT

PROVERBS 11:1



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Persistence - Prov 13:11

Habit #3: Keep good records.

Prov 27:23-24 "Riches can disappear quickly, so watch your business interests closely; know the state of your flocks and herds."

If you don't know where it all goes, you are already in trouble!

EASY CREDIT + IGNORANCE = DIASTER!

I Corinthians 16:2 "Put aside" what you have earned...

### Eight Biblical Habits = Financial Blessings! Habit #4: Give to God First!

Prov 3:9-10 "Honor God with the first fruits of your income and God will bless you!"

God does not need our money!

GIVING THE "FIRST PART" TO GOD KEEPS US FROM IDOLATRY

Giving first - generously and sacrificially - is a statement.

A STATEMENT OF GRATITUDE

A STATEMENT OF **PURPOSE** 

A STATEMENT OF FAITH

"Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the LORD Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it."

Malachi 3:10

#### Habit #5: Save and Invest for your future

Prov 21:20 "The wise man <u>saves for his future</u>, but the foolish man spends whatever he gets."

Ask this question: Do I really need this?

Money should work for you, not you for your money!

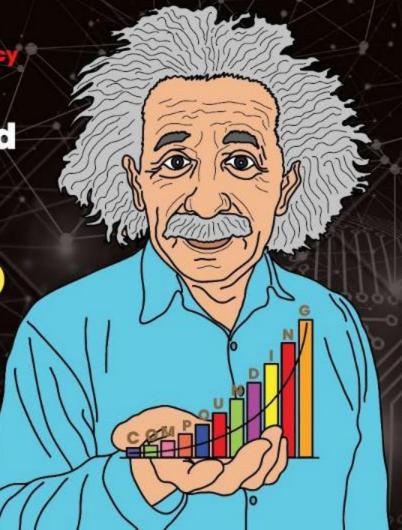
Prov 13:11 "Money that comes easily disappears quickly but money that is gathered little by little will grow!"



The 8th Wonder of the World

THE POWER OF COMPOUND INTEREST

UNDERSTANDING THE POWER OF THE UNIVERSE





"Divide your portion to seven, or even to eight, for you do not know what misfortune may occur on the earth" (Ecclesiastes 11:2).



### A Good Man Leaves an Inheritance For His Children

Prov 13:22



A man lacking judgment shakes hands on a deal and puts up financial security for his neighbor. Proverbs 17:18, TLV

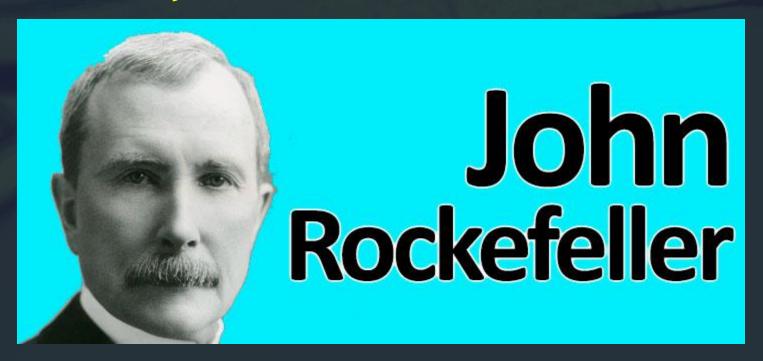
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Habit #6: Set up a payment plan to get yourself out of debt.

Prov 3:27 "Don't withhold the payment of your debts!"

Romans 13:8 "Owe no man anything, save the debt of love."

"I believe God gave me all my money. I have always followed the 10/10/80 rule."



#### Habit #7: Must budget your spending.

Prov 21:5 "Plan carefully and you will have plenty; if you act too quickly, you will never have enough."

Plan where you <u>want it to go</u> instead of <u>wondering</u> where it went!

Beware of impulse buying!

# Eight Biblical Habits = Financial Blessings! Habit #8: Learn to be content and enjoy what you have.

I Tim 6:6 "Godliness with contentment is great gain." Ecc 9:7-9 "Eat your food with gladness and drink your wine with a joyful heart. Always be clothed in white and anoint your head with oil. Enjoy life with your wife, whom you love, all the days of this life that God has give you under the sun."

