

HOW TO BUILD AN UNSHAKEABLE FINANCIAL LIFE

KEY THOUGHTS

- Money is a **spiritual** issue.
- You manage money according to what you believe.
- Money **competes** with God.
- We often ask God for a miracle, and He asks us to run a marathon.
- Many of us lose financially because we do not plan.
- The challenge is not managing **money**; the challenge is managing **yourself**.
- You have to say 99 no's to one financial yes.
- You will have to fight against the **lies** of culture to be financially **wise**.
- Money management is not what you can **publicly** see.
- You can't **buy** happiness; you can only **build** it.
- The only way to win is to "know & do"; **knowing** without **doing** is losing.

SCRIPTURE

"Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash." Matthew 7:24-27 (NIV)

"No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money." Matthew 6:24 (NIV)

"His glory is great through your salvation; splendor and majesty you bestow on him." Psalm 21:5 (ESV)

"Your strength, God, is the king's strength. Helped, he's hollering Hosannas. You gave him exactly what he wanted; you didn't hold back. You filled his arms with gifts; you gave him a right royal welcome. He wanted a good life; you gave it to him, and then made it a *long* life as a bonus. You lifted him high and bright as a cumulus cloud, then dressed him in rainbow colors. You pile blessings on him; you make him glad when you smile. Is it any wonder the king loves God? That he's sticking with the Best?" Psalm 21:5 (MSG)

"The wise store up choice food and olive oil, but fools gulp theirs down." Proverbs 21:20 (NIV)

"Wise people live in wealth and luxury, but stupid people spend their money as fast as they get it." Proverbs 21:20 (GNT)

PRACTICAL

To build a financially stable life we must:

- 1) Put God first.
- 2) Plan your budgets to win.
- 3) Pay the price to win.

REFLECT

What's one action you can take with your own budget?

What is one thing you took away from the teaching today?

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