

HOW TO BUILD A GODLY LIFE ON THE WORD OF GOD - THE BIBLE
Building a Godly Life Will lead to Financial Prosperity

What causes a lot of people to have financial problems? An ungodly lifestyle.

TODAY, WE WANT TO WORK ON ADDING THREE TRAITS THAT WILL LEAD US TO FINANCIAL PROSPERITY.

Three godly traits that lead to financial prosperity are thriftiness, generosity, and responsibility.

I. THRIFTINESS IS USING YOUR MONEY AND POSSESSIONS WISELY.

A. Did Jesus display thriftiness? John 6:5

1. Thriftiness is gathering up the fragments after a project.

Prov. 12:27, "A lazy man won't even dress the game he gets while hunting, but the diligent man makes good use of everything he finds." (TLB)

A paraphrase might go like this:

Prov. 12:27, "A lazy person won't even box up the good leftovers, but the thrifty man will box up the leftovers and make good use of them later."

B. Thriftiness is saving during times of plenty.

C. Why is thriftiness important to future prosperity?

Matt. 25:21, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord."

1. Thriftiness is using as few resources as possible for OUR own needs so that WE will have greater resources for generosity to God, others, and ourselves.
2. The opposite of generosity is stinginess.
3. One of the persons we do not want to be stingy with is God. Why?

Mal. 3:8-11 "Should people cheat God? Yet you have cheated me! But you ask, 'What do you mean? When did we ever cheat you?' You have cheated me of the tithes and offerings due to me. You are under a curse, for your whole nation has been cheating me. Bring all the tithes into the storehouse so there will be enough food in my Temple. If you do, says the Lord of Heaven's Armies, I will open the windows of heaven for you. I will pour out a blessing so great you won't have enough room to take it in! Try it! Put me to the test! Your crops will be abundant, for I will guard them from insects and disease. Your grapes will not fall from the vine before they are ripe, says the Lord of Heaven's Armies."

II. HOW DO WE BECOME A THRIFTY PERSON?

A. Below are several ways to become a thrifty person so that you will have extra money for things in the future.

1. Thriftiness begins by being content with basics until you can afford more.

I Tim. 6:8 “Having food and raiment let us be therewith content.”

2. To become thrifty, we need to use creativity to increase assets.

a. Being creative is like learning how to do minor repairs around the house instead of hiring someone to fix them.

b. Being creative is always looking for a way to save money.

3. Being thrifty is protecting assets by putting up with irritations.

4. Being thrifty is having personal possessions that are practical.

III. WHAT ARE GOD'S REQUIREMENTS FOR THRIFTINESS?

Because thriftiness is related to good stewardship, the requirements that Jesus gave to His disciples for faithfulness would apply.

A. Being thrifty in little things

B. Being thrifty in the use of money

C. Being thrifty in that which belongs to another person

Luke 16:12, “And if you are not faithful (thrifty) with other people's money, why should you be entrusted with money of your own?” (TLB)

THRIFTINESS IS A WAY OF LIFE FOR THOSE WHO WANT TO HAVE MORE MONEY TO SHARE WITH GOD, FAMILY, OTHERS, AND THEMSELVES.