

BUILDING A GODLY LIFE SERIES
THREE GODLY TRAITS THAT LEAD TO FINANCIAL PROSPERITY

Those traits are: THRIFTINESS B GENEROSITY - RESPONSIBILITY

I. THRIFTINESS IS USING YOUR MONEY AND POSSESSIONS WISELY.

II. TO BE MORE BLESSED FINANCIALLY, WE ARE TO BE GENEROUS WITH:

A. God. How does being generous with God first lead to us being more financially prosperous? God tells us in:

Mal. 3:10-12, “Bring all the tithes into the storehouse so that there will be food enough in my Temple; if you do, I will open up the windows of heaven for you and pour out a blessing so great you won't have room enough to take it in! Try it! Let me prove it to you! Your crops will be large, for I will guard them from insects and plagues. Your grapes won't shrivel away before they ripen, says the Lord Almighty. And all nations will call you blessed, for you will be a land sparkling with happiness. These are the promises of the Lord Almighty.” (TLB)

B. Other Christians

Gal. 6:10, “Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith.” (NKJV)

C. Other People

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D. Our Family

1 Tim. 5:8, “But anyone who won't care for his own relatives when they need help, especially those living in his own family, has no right to say he is a Christian. Such a person is worse than the heathen.” (TLB)

E. What is the reward of Biblical generosity? We will be blessed more by God.

Luke 6:38, “For if you give, you will get! Your gift will return to you in full and overflowing measure, pressed down, shaken together to make room for more, and running over. Whatever measure you use to give-large or small-will be used to measure what is given back to you.” (TLB)

THE THIRD GODLY CHARACTER TRAIT NEEDED TO LEAD US TO FINANCIAL PROSPERITY IS:

III. RESPONSIBILITY IS UNDERSTANDING AND DOING WHAT GOD AND OTHERS ARE EXPECTING OF US.

A. The Biblical word “duty” describes the concept of responsibility. It is translated from the Greek word “opheilo”. It is translated by the words owe and ought.

1. Which means we have a duty to perform.

B. Some of the duties we are to perform are:

1. The duty of parents to care, provide, and protect their children.

2. The duty to provide for our family.

1 Tim. 5:8, “But anyone who won't care for his own relatives when they need help, especially those living in his own family, has no right to say he is a Christian. Such a person is worse than the heathen.” (TLB)

3. The duty to serve God.

Matt. 4:10, “Then Jesus said to him, “Away with you, Satan! For it is written, ‘You shall worship the Lord your God, and Him only you shall serve.’” (NKJV)

C. How does being responsible lead to financial prosperity?

Matt. 25:21, “His lord said unto him, ‘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.’” (KJV)

D. Do you have the Godly trait of responsibility?

1. Can you be counted on to show up on time?

2. Can you be counted on to get a job done on time?

3. Can you be counted on to get the job done in the most practical and economical way?

4. Can you be counted on to get the job done without someone having to look over your shoulder all the time?

a. Responsibility is not just doing what you said you would do, but doing what you know you should do.

b. The more responsible you are, the more freedom you will be given. The more freedom you are given, the more responsible you must be.

5. Responsibility is doing what you ought to do even when you don=t want to do it.

Eight Spiritual areas for which we are responsible:

1. Responsible for our thoughts.

II Cor. 10:5, “Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ.”@

2. Responsible for our words. Be careful what you say.

Matt. 12:36-37, “Every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment. For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned.”

3. Responsible for our actions.

II Cor. 5:10, “For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad.”@

4. Responsible for our attitudes.

1 Thess. 5:18, “In everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.” (NKJV)

5. Responsible for our motives.

Jer. 17:10, “I the LORD search the heart, I try the reins, even to give every man according to his ways, and according to the fruit of his doings.”

6. Responsible for loving one another.

John 13:34-35, “A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.” (NKJV)

7. Responsible for loving in our marriage.

Eph. 5:28, ASo ought men to love their wives as their own bodies. He that loveth his wife loveth himself.”

8. Responsible for providing for our church.

Mal. 3:10, “Bring all the tithes into the storehouse so that there will be food enough in my Temple; if you do, I will open up the windows of heaven for you and pour out a blessing so great you won't have room enough to take it in!” (TLB)

ARE YOU THRIFTY, GENEROUS, AND RESPONSIBLE?