

Beyond the Numbers
Life, Money, Hope
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1 Timothy 6:9-10 NIV

- Theme: Money is an area of our lives that can pierce us with GRIEF or put us in PEACE.
- Interesting facts:
 - ✓ Jesus talked about money twice as much as HEAVEN AND HELL.
 - ✓ 16 of the 38 parables of Jesus had to do with money and possessions
 - ✓ There are over 500 verses about prayer and faith but 2000 verses about money and possessions
 - ✓ Why? Our heart and money are CONNECTED - Matthew 6:21
 - ✓ There is a SPIRIT on money - Luke 16:13 NKJV
 - Example: Mammon - Syrian God of riches in Babylon (CONFUSION)
- Numbers only/World's perspective
 - ✓ EARNINGS - As much as you can
 - ✓ SPENDING - Live with margin
 - ✓ SAVING - Cushion
 - ✓ INVESTING - Put money to work instead of upgrade
 - ✓ GIVING - 2-3% - Christian 3.8%
- Beyond the numbers - Haggai 1:5-7 NIV, I Corinthians 1:20 NIV
 1. CALLING vs. compensation/earning
 - *From live-on to LIVE-FOR - Acts 20:24
 2. CONTENTMENT vs. consumerism/spending - Philippians 4:12,
 - Luke 12:15 TLB
 - *When SATISFIED, everything is a blessing

3. GOD DEPENDENT vs. independent/saving - Proverbs 18:11, 30:8-9

*Trust the PROVIDER not the provision

4. STEWARDSHIP vs. ownership/investing - Matthew 6:19-20

*Invest to make an ETERNAL difference creates treasure

5. GENEROSITY vs. misery/giving - Acts 20:35

*Good is released INSIDE US to deal with misery when we give

Conclusion - God's way WORKS!