

Living The Blessed Life
Living In the Right Position

Introduction - There are three important financial principles that are foundational **TRUTHS** of living the blessed life.

I. Remove Yourself From **DEBT**

- Purposely living below your means - Proverbs 22:7
- Dave Ramsey and the gazelle mentality
- It takes a lifestyle change: eating out, movies, clothes, a second job, etc...
- Waiting a day/ night before any significant purchase
- Don't sweat the small stuff - Matthew 22:21
- Example: football games, maintenance and big spenders

II. Trust God By Refusing **MANIPULATION**

- Be careful of "crying poor" or "get rich schemes"
- Proverbs 28:19-20, 22, 25
- Many today look at the church as a spiritual ATM: an opportunity to take not give - Luke 6:35-38; Proverbs 22:9, 28:27
- Put your treasure where God's heart is - Matthew 6:21
- The atmosphere of a church changes when we become generous, tithers and givers

III. Give Over The **TITHE** - Proverbs 11:25, 24

- These principles coupled with God's blessings create margin: room for God to do amazing things
- Seeing the long view/ true riches - Luke 17:11-19
- The blessings of instant obedience; rationalizing another course of action

Conclusion - Lay the **FOUNDATIONAL** principles and watch God work in your finances. - Mark 10:29-30

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