

Financial Contentment

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I. Introduction

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A. Thou shalt remember who the Owner is!

1. Psalm 24:1 (NAS) *The earth is the LORD'S, and all it contains, the world, and those who dwell in it.*
2. Deuteronomy 8:16-18a (NAS) ¹⁶*In the wilderness He fed you manna which your fathers did not know, that He might humble you and that He might test you, to do good for you in the end.* ¹⁷*Otherwise, you may say in your heart, 'My power and the strength of my hand made me this wealth.'* ¹⁸*But you shall remember the LORD your God, for it is He who is giving you power to make wealth."*

B. Thou shalt embrace your work.

1. Colossians 3:23 (NLT) *Work willingly at whatever you do, as though you were working for the Lord rather than for people.*
2. All human labor is an honor that carries great dignity!
3. Working with excellence honors God and inspires people!

C. Thou shalt not fall into debt.

1. Proverbs 22:7 (NAS) *The rich rules over the poor, and the borrower becomes the lender's slave.*
2. Debt squeezes the freedom and peace out of people like almost nothing else in the world!

D. Thou shalt teach your children about money.

1. Proverbs 22:6 (NAS) *Train up a child in the way he should go, even when he is old he will not depart from it.*

E. Thou shalt have a plan about money.

1. I Corinthians 16:2 (NAS) *On the first day of every week each one of you is to put aside and save, as he may prosper, so that no collections be made when I come.*
2. The 10-10-80 plan
3. Proverbs 21:20 (NLT) *The wise have wealth and luxury, but fools spend whatever they get.*

F. Thou shalt declare "Enough!"

1. Proverbs 30:15a (NLT) *The leech has two suckers that cry out, "More, more!"*
2. "I now have enough!"

G. Thou shalt find a different way to keep score.

1. Money, in our day, is our primary expression of value.
2. James 2:5-6 (NAS) ⁵*Listen, my beloved brethren: did not God choose the poor of this world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom which He promised to those who love Him?* ⁶*But you have dishonored the poor man. Is it not the rich who oppress you and personally drag you into court?*

H. Thou shalt help the poor.

1. Proverbs 19:17 (NAS) *One who is gracious to a poor man lends to the LORD, and He will repay him for his good deed.*

I. Thou shalt seek wise counsel.

1. Proverbs 13:20 (NAS) *He who walks with wise men will be wise, but the companion of fools will suffer harm.*

J. Thou shalt become very clear that one day there will be a final audit.

1. Hebrews 9:27 (NAS) *And inasmuch as it is appointed for men to die once and after this comes judgment.*
2. Luke 12:48b (NAS) *"From everyone who has been given much, much will be required."*

III. Conclusion