

Five Steps to Wealth Recovery

Matt. 6.19-33

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When your heart is in the kingdom then your treasure will also be there. This does not just mean that where you give your money is where your love is. It also means that wealth determines priorities but priorities determine wealth.

When the heart is not right toward God and toward others it has an impact on your wealth. Wealth includes your relationships, career, influence and your money. Wealth is anything that has great value in your life. Your bottom line, your level of profitability.

1. Walk in love and forgiveness.

- Unforgiveness quickly shuts off God's blessings! Mt 18:34-35

34 The king was very angry, and he sent the servant to jail to be punished until he should pay back the whole amount."

35 And Jesus concluded, "That is how my Father in heaven will treat every one of you unless you forgive your brother from your heart." TEV

- Love is what empowers us to give to others.
- Giving is what moves God to give to us!

2. Give away what you already have! Matt 19:21-22

21 Jesus said to him, "If you wish to be complete, go and sell your possessions and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me."

- What you have is seed and must be sown!
- The time to learn is when you don't have much!
- Don't let selfishness leave you sorrowful.

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3. Live your life by a budget and a plan.

Prov 12:5 The plans of the righteous are just, but the advice of the wicked is deceitful

Prov 15:22 Plans fail for lack of counsel, but with many advisers they succeed.

Prov 21:5 The plans of the diligent lead to profit as surely as haste leads to poverty.

Prov 16:9 In his heart a man plans his course, but the LORD determines his steps

- Time
- Emotion
- Money

Stop living on what you borrowed from someone else and reduce all credit card and other debt related spending.

4. Use Your Wealth to expand the kingdom. Mt. 6.33

You have to learn the investment principles of the kingdom

- Tithing is a starting point to prosperity
- The investment of the 90% in the kingdom determines your wealth
- See your life as an investment in the kingdom

John 12:24-26

24 "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. 25 "He who loves his life loses it, and he who hates his life in this world will keep it to life eternal." NASU

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5. Rejoice when others are blessed. 1 Cor 12:25-26

26 And if one member suffers, all the members suffer with it; if one member is honored, all the members rejoice with it.

- When you're blessing others you guarantee this opportunity
- Check out your heart when you get that "passed over" feeling
- The oil always runs down...

Ps 133:1-2

*Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brothers to dwell together in unity! 2
It is like the precious oil upon the head, coming down upon the beard, even
Aaron's beard, coming down upon the edge of his robes. NASU*