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**Money Management Made Simple**

**Live Within Your Means: Part 1**

**1 Timothy 6:2-10, 17-19**

• This is God’s Word.

• It is a perfect treasure of divine instruction.

• It has God for its author,

• salvation for its end,

• and truth, without any mixture of error, for its matter.

• It is the supreme source of truth

• for what we believe

• and how we live.

**“…Teach these things, Timothy, and encourage everyone to obey them. Some people may contradict our teaching, but these are the wholesome teachings of the Lord Jesus Christ. These teachings promote a godly life. Anyone who teaches something different is arrogant and lacks understanding. Such a person has an unhealthy desire to quibble over the meaning of words. This stirs up arguments ending in jealousy, division, slander, and evil suspicions. These people always cause trouble. Their minds are corrupt, and they have turned their backs on the truth. To them, a show of godliness is just a way to become wealthy. Yet true godliness with contentment is itself great wealth. After all, we brought nothing with us when we came into the world, and we can’t take anything with us when we leave it. So if we have enough food and clothing, let us be content. But people who long to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many foolish and harmful desires that plunge them into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is the root of all kinds of evil. And some people, craving money, have wandered from the true faith and pierced themselves with many sorrows…Teach those who are rich in this world not to be proud and not to trust in their money, which is so unreliable. Their trust should be in God, who richly gives us all we need for our enjoyment. Tell them to use their money to do good. They should be rich in good works and generous to those in need, always being ready to share with others. By doing this they will be storing up their treasure as a good foundation for the future so that they may experience true life.” 1 Timothy 6:2-10, 17-19**

**Four Observations**

**A Misconception: Godliness is a means to financial gain.**

**A Truth: Godliness with contentment is great gain!**

**A Warning: Misplaced priorities will lead to our destruction.**

**An Application: Trust God, enjoy His provisions, and be generous.**

**So How Can I Live Within My Means**

**Two Keys**

**1. Manage my money wisely.**

**“Plan carefully and you will have plenty; if you act too quickly, you will never have enough.” Proverbs 21:5 (TEV)**

**“Know the state of your flocks, and put your heart into caring for your herds, for riches don’t last forever…” Proverbs 27:23-24**

**2. Be content with what I have.**

**“Those who love money will never have enough…” Ecclesiastes 5:10**

**“Enjoy what you have rather than desiring what you don’t have…” Ecclesiastes 6:9**

**“Don’t love money; be satisfied with what you have…” Hebrews 13:5**