

Live Appropriately

Luke 14:25-35

1. Know What _____ Out of You as a Financial Steward.

“God blessed them; and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth, and subdue it; and rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over every living thing that moves on the earth.” Then God said, “Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the surface of all the earth, and every tree which has fruit yielding seed; it shall be food for you; and to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the sky and to everything that moves on the earth which has life, I have given every green plant for food”; and it was so.”
(Genesis 1:28–30)

“In this case, moreover, it is required of stewards that one be found trustworthy.” (1 Corinthians 4:2)

- A. _____ Generously
- B. _____ Wisely
- C. _____ Appropriately

2. Know Your _____ Situation and Develop a _____ to Live Appropriately.

“For which one of you, when he wants to build a tower, does not first sit down and calculate the cost to see if he has enough to complete it? “Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who observe it begin to ridicule him, saying, ‘This man began to build and was not able to finish.’ “Or what king, when he sets out to meet another king in battle, will not first sit down and consider whether he is strong enough with ten



thousand men to encounter the one coming against him with twenty thousand? “Or else, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for terms of peace.” (Luke 14:28–32)

- A. Know your income.
- B. Know your expenses/how much debt you have.
- C. Know your margin or lack of one.
- D. Cut expenses and eliminate debt.
- E. Budget every penny to some category keeping God’s three purposes of money in your plan.

3. _____ **Anything that Will Pull You Away from That Plan.**

“If anyone comes to Me, and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be My disciple. (27) Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after Me cannot be My disciple... (33) So then, none of you can be My disciple who does not give up all his own possessions.” (Luke 14:26-27, 33)

There are all kinds of financial enemies and traps that want to enslave us.

- A. Materialism
- B. Entitlement
- C. Debt
- D. Laziness and inattention to our financial condition
- E. Selfishness/Lack of Generosity
- F. Hoarding

Conclusion:

Stewardship is really Discipleship. A disciple counts the cost of following Christ.

- **You must love Jesus first and most.**



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- **You must die to everything.**

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- **You must follow and imitate Jesus.**

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- **You must deny yourself and give everything to Jesus.**

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Answers: God Expects, Give, Save, Live, Current Financial, Plan, Eliminate.

Benediction:

“Not that I speak from want, for I have learned to be content in whatever circumstances I am. (12) I know how to get along with humble means, and I also know how to live in prosperity; in any and every circumstance I have learned the secret of being filled and going hungry, both of having abundance and suffering need. (13) I can do all things through Him who strengthens me... (19) And my God will supply all your needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus.” (Philippians 4:11-13, 19)

