

# Taking your Spirituality to the Next Level

## *MONEY MATTER\$*

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### Money is a TOOL

**1 Timothy 6:18** Tell them to use their money to do good. They should be rich in good works and should give generously to those in need, always being ready to share with others whatever God has given them.

### Money is a TEST

**Luke 16:11** Jesus: "If you are untrustworthy about worldly wealth, who will trust you with the true riches of heaven?"

## 7 HABITS for Financial Blessings and Much More!

### 1. Recognizing God as my Provider

**Romans 11:36** For everything comes from God; everything exists by His power; and everything is intended for His glory.

### 2. Give God a Tithe

**Proverbs 3:9-10** Honor the Lord by giving Him the first part of all your income, and He will fill your barns... to overflow! (LB)

**Malachi 3:10** 'Bring to My storehouse a full tenth of what you earn... Test Me in this,' says the Lord. 'I will open the windows of heaven for you and pour out all the blessings you need.'

**1 Corinthians 16:2** On the first day of every week put aside some of what you have earned during the week, and use it for the offering. The amount depends on how much the Lord has helped you earn. (LB)

**Deuteronomy 14:23** The purpose of tithing is to teach you always to put God first in your lives. (LB)

### 3. Keep Good Records

**Proverbs 27:23-24** Riches can disappear fast... so watch your business interests closely. Know the state of your flocks and herds. (LB)

### 4. Save for the Future

**Proverbs 21:20** The wise man saves for the future, but the foolish man spends whatever he gets. (LB)

**Proverbs 13:11** Money that comes easily disappears quickly, but money that is gathered little by little will grow.

### 5. Repay what you Owe

**Proverbs 3:27** Don't withhold repayment of your debts. (LB)

**Romans 13:8** Let no debt remain outstanding.

## 6. Plan your Spending

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

**Proverbs 10:16** The earnings of the godly enhance their lives, but evil people squander their money on sin.

## 7. Enjoy what you have

**Ecclesiastes 6:9** It is better to be satisfied with what you have than to always be wanting something else.

**Ecclesiastes 5:10** If you love money, you will never be satisfied; if you long to be rich, you will never get all you want. It is useless.

**Matthew 6:31-33** Don't worry...Your heavenly Father already knows what you need, and He will give it to you if you give Him first place in your life and live as He wants