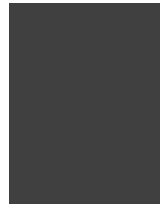


# ***INVESTING FOR LIFE*** **SERMON NOTES**

Week 1 October 30, 2022

“Financial Happiness”

1 Timothy 6:9, 6:18-19; Matthew 6:21;  
Proverbs 21:20, 22:7; Luke 12:15;  
Ecclesiastes 2:10-11; Genesis 12:2



## **I. Introduction**

- A. If we handle money inappropriately, it will lead to a \_\_\_\_\_ life.
- B. When it comes to financial health and finding joy and freedom, we begin with a question: “What really \_\_\_\_\_ to me?”

## **II. Financial Happiness**

- A. The following are 7 tips to financial \_\_\_\_\_:
  1. Start with your priorities and align your spending with your priorities.
  2. Develop a basic spending plan (a budget).
  3. Scrutinize your current spending, eliminate waste and create margin.
  4. Live below your means.
  5. Save before spending.
  6. Avoid credit cards where possible.
  7. Care about your credit score.
- B. When you practice good sound, financial management rooted and grounded in what the scripture teaches us, we find life is better and we find health and \_\_\_\_\_.

## **III. Finding Life**

- A. Jesus says we won't find \_\_\_\_\_ in our possessions.
- B. All the blessings in our lives are meant to be \_\_\_\_\_ on.
- C. Paul says that when we are \_\_\_\_\_ and doing good for other people we take hold of the life that really is life.

### ***Things I Would Like to Remember About This Message***

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# ASBURY DAILY STUDY GUIDE *Oct. 31 – Nov. 5, 2022*

## INTRODUCTION

What does it mean to invest in the things that have real meaning and purpose? How can we as Christians participate in the work of God to bring life and love to the people around us?

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### **Monday: Genesis 41:25-36, Proverbs 6:6-11**

Joseph led Egypt to save 20% of seven straight good harvests as a reserve for a future famine. This was seriously “living beneath your means.” What commercial and peer pressures encourage you to spend “as if there is no tomorrow”? Who (if anyone) has influenced you to make your financial choices with a longer view in mind, rather than simply immediate gratification?

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### **Tuesday: Proverbs 3:5-11, 13:7-11, 21:2-7**

Proverbs noted that, as a general rule, steadily working toward financial goals is far wiser than any “get rich quick” scheme. Have you ever worked steadily toward a goal, and felt the inner satisfaction when your disciplined pursuit paid off? On the other hand, have you ever had a financial windfall, and then regretted impulsively “blowing it”?

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### **Wednesday: Luke 8:4-8, 11-15**

What’s most important in your life? Who or what first planted “the seed” of God’s Word in the soil of your life? Can you identify concerns or interests that have become less prominent in your life when you’ve made God your top priority? Which of the four types of soil in Jesus’ parable (path beaten hard, rocky, full of thorns, or good—receptive) best describes how well you can accept the seed right now?

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### **Thursday: Matthew 6:19-24**

Conduct a simple life audit. Review your calendar and your checkbook. Based on the time, energy and resources reflected in those two sources, what “master(s)” would you say you are serving? Can you see your loyalties shifting as you choose to invest in heavenly treasure? What kinds of changes could you make to give you greater freedom to fully serve God as Lord of your life?

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### **Friday: Hebrews 13:2-6**

Scholar N. T. Wright noted a helpful rule of thumb about money in Hebrews 13: “When you love something or someone, you make sacrifices for them. When you find yourself making a sacrifice of something else in your life, simply so that you can follow where money is beckoning you, regard that as a danger signal.” What relationships, activities or values would you never give up, never sacrifice just to be able to pursue more money?

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## MOVING FORWARD

Many people don’t like when the church talks about money and finance. However, how we handle our money can impact our daily lives as well as our spiritual health. When you practice good sound financial management rooted and grounded in what the scripture teaches us, we find life is better and we find health and joy. What is one of the ‘7 tips to financial happiness,’ that you need to focus on in order to improve your financial health?

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*Answers to the sermon notes: IA) joyless, B) matters. IIA) happiness, B) joy. IIIA) life, IIIB) passed, C) generous.*