

Whoever loves money never has enough; whoever loves wealth is never satisfied with their income. This too is meaningless.

**Ecclesiastes 5:10 NIV**

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.

**1 Timothy 6:10 NLT**

### **Financial Exercises**

There are three financial exercises that if done consistently, will bring financial health and success.

1. Decide to control your appetite. (spend less)

Wise people live in wealth and luxury, but stupid people spend their money as fast as they get it.

**Proverbs 21:20 GNT**

**You must define a need vs. a want .**

**If you don't control your yearnings, they will outpace your earnings.**

**Financial fitness begins with a decision to live on less than you make.**

2. Give to God first. (priorities)

<sup>9</sup>Honor the Lord by giving him the first part of all your income, <sup>10</sup>and he will fill your barns with wheat and barley and overflow your wine vats with the finest wines.

**Proverbs 3:9-10 LB**

The purpose of tithing is to teach you always to put God first in your lives.

**Deuteronomy 14:23B LB**

**Giving first to God activates His promise to meet your needs.**

**Giving first to God prevents greed and materialism.**

<sup>1</sup>Now regarding your question about the money being collected for God's people in Jerusalem. You should follow the same procedure I gave to the churches in Galatia. <sup>2</sup>On the first day of each week, you should each put aside a portion of the money you have earned. Don't wait until I get there and then try to collect it all at once.

### **1 Corinthians 16:1-2 NLT**

#### **Set up a system**

#### **God honoring order: give, save, live on the rest**

#### **Start somewhere**

3. Trust God's promises. [faith]

Good planning and hard work lead to prosperity, but hasty shortcuts lead to poverty.

### **Proverbs 21:5 NLT**

But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

### **Matthew 6:33 NIV**

<sup>24</sup>One person gives freely, yet gains even more; another withholds unduly, but comes to poverty. <sup>25</sup>A generous person will prosper; whoever refreshes others will be refreshed.

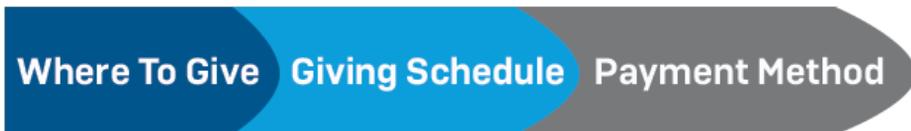
### **Proverbs 11:24-25 NIV**

<sup>7</sup>You must each decide in your heart how much to give. And don't give reluctantly or in response to pressure. "For God loves a person who gives cheerfully." <sup>8</sup>And God will generously provide all you need. Then you will always have everything you need and plenty left over to share with others.

### **2 Corinthians 9:7-8 NLT**

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