

FINANCIAL FREEDOM

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"The rich rules over the poor, and the borrower is servant to the lender" (Proverbs 22:07), says Solomon. As harsh as it may seem, this text contains an indisputable truth. God presents several guidelines for complete freedom, including those regarding the financial aspect of our lives.

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Do you know how you spend your monthly income after returning your tithes and offerings? If you don't, you might be one of those who frequently spend all they have and are unable to live within their available financial resources. However, if you want to achieve financial freedom, you need to learn these three simple steps that everyone should follow:

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1. First, Self-discipline. Put all your spending under the scrutiny of Jesus, the real Owner. Remember that you are His manager or steward, not the owner. Would Jesus purchase that item, or would He approve that expenditure pattern? With God's guidance, bad habits can be broken.

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2. Second, Have a monthly budget. Start by assessing your income and then list your expenses, allocating appropriate amounts for each spending category. There are promises from God for those who put Him as the most important budget category, returning tithes and Promise offerings before any other expense is met. However, since unforeseen events frequently occur, it's prudent to consider your personal savings or emergency fund as the second most crucial spending category. Therefore, after putting God first. Allocate at least another 10% of your income to savings or an emergency fund.

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If you don't tell your money where it should go, you will keep asking yourself where it has gone. So, every purchase must be prayerfully considered in light of the budget, with no room for impulse purchases.

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3. Third, Be accountable to someone else for your budget. Ecclesiastes 4:9-10 says, "Two are better than one because they have a good reward for their labor. For if they fall, one will lift up his companion. But woe to him who is alone when he falls, for he has no one to help him up" (Ecclesiastes 4:9-10). If you are accountable to someone, you will be more inclined to be cautious in your usual spending.

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Today, as you return the Tithe and Promise, regular and systematic offerings, ask God for His wisdom and guidance in all aspects of your financial life. In Matthew 6:33, He promises that "all these things shall be added" (Matthews 6:33) to those who put their desires last and God first.