

Get Fit – Stay Fit: With Our Finances Proverbs 3:9-18

Proverbs 3:9-18 (ESV)

Honor the LORD with your wealth and with the firstfruits of all your produce; then your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will be bursting with wine. Blessed is the one who finds wisdom, and the one who gets understanding, for the gain from her is better than gain from silver and her profit better than gold. She is more precious than jewels, and nothing you desire can compare with her. Long life is in her right hand; in her left hand are riches and honor.

## I. Embrace Biblical Principles About Finances

Verse 9 – "Honor the LORD with your wealth."

# II. Recognize God's Ownership of all that you have

Psalm 24:1 (NASB)

"The earth is the Lord's, and all it contains, the world, and those who dwell in it."

1 Corinthians 4:7 (NIV)

What do you have that you did not receive? And if you did receive it, why do you boast as though you did not?

### III. Fulfil your Biblical Responsibilities

Verse 9 – "Honor the LORD with... the firstfruits of all your produce."

Malachi 3:10-12 (NIV)

"Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it."

1 Timothy 5:8 (NIV)

"If anyone does not provide for his family, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever."

Galatians 6:10 (ESV)

"So then, while we have opportunity, let us do good to all men, and especially to those who are of the household of the faith."

### IV. Bring Debt and Spending Under Control

Proverbs 22:7 (NIV)

"The rich rule over the poor, and the borrower is slave to the lender."

Luke 14:28-30 (NKJV)

"For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not sit down first and count the cost, whether he has enough to finish it—lest, after he has laid the foundation, and is not able to finish all who see it begin to mock him ...?"

#### V. Guard Your Heart Against Greed

1 Timothy 6:9-11 (NIV)

"People who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge men into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs. Flee from all this and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance and gentleness."

Proverbs 3:5-6 (NKJV)

"Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths."