

## God's Financial "Commandments"

### I. Introduction

#### A. Recap of the first four "Commandments" about finances

1. Thou shalt work hard.
2. Thou shalt establish a financial \_\_\_\_\_ and stick to it.
3. Thou shalt avoid \_\_\_\_\_ like the plague!
4. Thou shalt distinguish between wants and needs.

### II. God's Financial "Commandments"

#### A. Thou shalt determine when \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_.

1. Luke 12:20-21 (NLT) <sup>20</sup>"But God said to him, 'You fool! You will die this very night. Then who will get everything you worked for?'"<sup>21</sup>Yes, a person is a fool to store up earthly wealth but not have a rich relationship with God."
2. Matthew 6:19-21 (NAS) <sup>19</sup>"Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal."<sup>20</sup>But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys, and where thieves do not break in or steal;<sup>21</sup>for where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

#### B. Thou shalt \_\_\_\_\_ get involved with \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ schemes.

1. Proverbs 12:11 (NLT) *A hard worker has plenty of food, but a person who chases fantasies has no sense.*
2. Proverbs 13:11 (NLT) *Wealth from get-rich-quick schemes quickly disappears; wealth from hard work grows over time.*
3. Proverbs 28:22 (NLT) *Greedy people try to get rich quick, but don't realize they're headed for poverty.*

#### C. Thou shalt \_\_\_\_\_ with the Joneses.

1. Exodus 20:17 (NLT) *"You must not covet your neighbor's house. You must not covet your neighbor's wife, male or female servant, ox or donkey, or anything else that belongs to your neighbor."*

#### D. Thou shalt \_\_\_\_\_ make a major financial decision without getting \_\_\_\_\_ first.

1. Proverbs 24:6 (NAS) *For by wise guidance you will wage war, and in abundance of counselors there is victory.*

2. Proverbs 20:18 (NAS) *Prepare plans by consultation, and make war by wise guidance.*
3. Proverbs 29:23 (NAS) *A man's pride will bring him low, but a humble spirit will obtain honor.*
4. Proverbs 16:18 (NAS) *Pride goes before destruction, and a haughty spirit before stumbling.*
5. Proverbs 11:2 (NAS) *When pride comes, then comes dishonor, but with the humble is wisdom.*

#### E. Thou shalt \_\_\_\_\_ corrupt your \_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_\_.

1. Proverbs 22:6 (NAS) *Train up a child in the way he should go, even when he is old he will not depart from it.*
2. One of the best \_\_\_\_\_ you can give your children is a thorough understanding of \_\_\_\_\_ money management principles.

#### F. Thou shalt \_\_\_\_\_ orient your \_\_\_\_\_ around \_\_\_\_\_.

1. Mark 12:30-31 (NLT) <sup>30</sup>"And you must love the LORD your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your mind, and all your strength."<sup>31</sup>The second is equally important: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' No other commandment is greater than these."
2. Jesus was saying that the true \_\_\_\_\_ in life is \_\_\_\_\_.
3. "Which ones am I doing well in, and which ones do I need to \_\_\_\_\_ on?"

### III. God's Financial "Commandments"

- A. Thou shalt work hard.
- B. Thou shalt establish a financial plan and stick to it.
- C. Thou shalt avoid debt like the plague.
- D. Thou shalt distinguish between wants and needs.
- E. Thou shalt determine when enough is enough.
- F. Thou shalt not get involved with get-rich-quick schemes.
- G. Thou shalt not compete with the Joneses.
- H. Thou shalt not make a major financial decision without getting wise counsel first.
- I. Thou shalt not corrupt your children with money.
- J. Thou shalt not orient your \_\_\_\_\_ around money.

### IV. Conclusion