



## How to Manage Wealth—Part 2

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### DAY 6—Trust in the Living God (Part 3)

**“Give God the first and the best and you can have the rest.  
And then the rest will do more because He has something to bless.”**

—Gloria Copeland

#### Foundation Scripture:

“Charge them that are rich in this world, that they be not highminded, nor trust in uncertain riches, but in the living God, who giveth us richly all things to enjoy; that they do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to distribute, willing to communicate; laying up in store for themselves a good foundation against the time to come, that they may lay hold on eternal life” (1 Timothy 6:17-19).

#### A. 1 Timothy 6:9-10—Love God—Not Money

1. “But they that will be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition. For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.”
2. “The key to having wealth and doing it right is knowing what the Bible says and doing it right.” —Gloria Copeland
3. “The will of God is for us to be serving Him with our whole heart, doing what He says, walking in love, prospering in every direction, with every need met, healed and well.” —Gloria Copeland
  - a. Matthew 6:10: “Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.”
  - b. We should be experiencing the goodness of God on earth.
4. Ecclesiastes 5:10-11 (NIV-84): “Whoever loves money never has money enough; whoever loves wealth is never satisfied with his income. This too is meaningless. As goods increase, so do those who consume them. And what benefit are they to the owner except to feast his eyes on them?”
5. Proverbs 8:17-21 (NIV-84): “I love those who love me, and those who seek me find me. With me are riches and honor, enduring wealth and prosperity. My fruit is better than fine gold; what I yield surpasses choice silver. I walk in the way of righteousness, along the paths of justice, bestowing wealth on those who love me and making their treasuries full.”
  - a. The love of money is the root of all evil, so the cure for that would be loving God with our money and being a tither.
  - b. “Because the Lord says to do it, and THE BLESSING’s in it, it’s a blessing to get to tithe.” —Gloria Copeland

**“A tither qualifies for prosperity.”**

—Gloria Copeland



## B. Psalm 34:10—Seek God—Not Money

1. NIV: "The lions may grow weak and hungry, but those who seek the Lord lack no good thing."
2. 2 Chronicles 26:5 (AMPC): "He set himself to seek God in the days of Zechariah, who instructed him in the things of God; and as long as he sought (inquired of, yearned for) the Lord, God made him prosper."
3. 2 Chronicles 26:16 (NIV): "But after Uzziah became powerful, his pride led to his downfall. He was unfaithful to the Lord his God."
  - a. With wealth, if you don't stay on top of it, you can get to a place where you get so full of pride that you lord it over people: "Look what I've accomplished."
  - b. You can begin to treat people with disrespect and dishonor because you have all this money, and that's not the way God wants us to act.
4. 2 Chronicles 31:20-21 (NIV-84): "This is what Hezekiah did throughout Judah, doing what was good and right and faithful before the Lord his God. In everything that he undertook in the service of God's temple and in obedience to the law and the commands, he sought his God and worked wholeheartedly. And so he prospered."
5. Matthew 6:33 (AMPC): "But seek (aim at and strive after) first of all His kingdom and His righteousness (His way of doing and being right), and then all these things taken together will be given you besides."

## C. Job 36:11-12—Obey God—Not Money

1. NIV: "If they obey and serve him, they will spend the rest of their days in prosperity and their years in contentment. But if they do not listen, they will perish by the sword and die without knowledge."
2. Deuteronomy 28:1-2 (NIV): "If you fully obey the Lord your God and carefully follow all his commands I give you today, the Lord your God will set you high above all the nations on earth. All these blessings will come upon you and accompany you if you obey the Lord your God."
3. Isaiah 1:19: "If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land."
4. Matthew 6:24 (NIV-84): "No one can serve two masters. Either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and Money."
5. The role of money in our lives:
  - a. Some are slaves to money—driven to earn it and keep it.
  - b. Money serves us—we don't serve money.
  - c. Psalm 104:14: "He causeth the grass to grow for the cattle, and herb for the service of man: that he may bring forth food out of the earth."
  - d. "If you make decisions based on money, you will be wrong 99% of the time. If you make decisions based on the anointing, you will be right 99% of the time. Even if you miss it, you will be in position for God to correct you." —Kenneth Copeland, March 25, 2015

**"Tithing is a shield to protect you from the love of money."**

—Gloria Copeland





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### DAY 7—Do Good

#### Foundation Scripture:

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#### A. 1 Timothy 6:18—Do Good With Your Money

1. Why would Paul have to point out the obvious?
  - a. The rich had a reputation for using their money to do wicked things.
  - b. Psalm 73:3-12—The wealth of the wicked
  - c. Those wicked things lead to disaster.
2. Proverbs 1:18-19 (NIV-84): “These men lie in wait for their own blood; they waylay only themselves! Such is the end of all who go after ill-gotten gain; it takes away the lives of those who get it.”
3. Proverbs 13:11 (NIV-84): “Dishonest money dwindles away, but he who gathers money little by little makes it grow.”
  - a. NLT: “Wealth from get-rich-quick schemes quickly disappears; wealth from hard work grows over time.”
  - b. Matthew Henry Commentary: “Wealth gotten by dishonesty or vice has a secret curse, which will speedily waste it.”
4. Proverbs 28:8 (NLT): “Income from charging high interest rates will end up in the pocket of someone who is kind to the poor.”
5. Proverbs 28:20 (AMPC): “A faithful man shall abound with blessings, but he who makes haste to be rich [at any cost] shall not be unpunished.”
  - a. The revelation of tithing is a safeguard where finances and money are concerned. That’s where your increase is.
  - b. When you tithe, you still have to give in faith.
  - c. You still have to believe for the BLESSING of the tither.
  - d. It takes faith and obedience.

#### B. Properly Handling Wealth

“The sages of the Jewish commentaries say that judgment is sometimes in riches.

“How could that be?

“For example, look at an entertainer or an athlete that never had money and is now making lots of money. He has more money than he knows what to do with. But because he is not born again





and spirit filled and is living in a dark world, he won't be taking it to church. Where is he going to take it? He will take it to the drug dealer, to the beer joint and to immorality. He can buy all the immorality and drugs that he wants. That is why so many of these people are in trouble. Financially, they have the world on a string—but the world is all they have. Their money drives them to judgment.

"Whether money is good or bad depends on who has the money.

"When the righteous have money, they do good things with it. When the wicked have money, they do bad things with it. And those bad things lead to death—many times at an early age. You might ask, 'Why would that famous person throw his life away?' The reason is because he doesn't know what else to do with it. He is living in the kingdom of darkness.

"You can't look at the rich and wonder how they got their money. Money acquired by ill-gotten gain is not from God. You could be part of the mafia and have lots of money—but you probably won't live out your full number of days. What happens to all of the 'ill-gotten gained' money? It will go right into the hands of the just.

"Do you want to be one of those hands?

"Well, get it together and you can be!"

—Gloria Copeland, *True Prosperity*

C. "True prosperity is the ability to use God's power to meet the needs of mankind in every realm of life." —Kenneth Copeland, *The Laws of Prosperity*

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### DAY 8—Be Rich in Good Works (Part I)

#### Foundation Scripture:

“Charge them that are rich in this world, that they be not highminded, nor trust in uncertain riches, but in the living God, who giveth us richly all things to enjoy; that they do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to distribute, willing to communicate; laying up in store for themselves a good foundation against the time to come, that they may lay hold on eternal life” (1 Timothy 6:17-19).

#### A. Ephesians 6:9—The Wealth Mentality

1. Paul understood that the rich subscribed to a “master vs. slave” mentality.
2. They were accustomed to being the dictator while those around them were required to fulfill their every command.
  - a. This did not just apply toward those who served them.
  - b. The rich were treating their Christian brethren this way as well.
  - c. Money should never be used as a threat or as a means of control. That’s money being used as a weapon.
3. Paul had to adjust the conduct of the rich.
  - a. It’s important to know how to handle wealth, and it not handle you.
  - b. Those who are rich should be walking in the highest degree of the fruit of the spirit.
  - c. You can be wealthy and walk in love.
  - d. You can be wealthy and rich in good works.
  - e. You can be wealthy and not be arrogant or prideful, but instead, walk in humility.
4. Ephesians 6:9 (AMPC): “You masters, act on the same [principle] toward them and give up threatening and using violent and abusive words, knowing that He Who is both their Master and yours is in heaven, and that there is no respect of persons (no partiality) with Him.”
5. Colossians 4:1 (MSG): “And masters, treat your servants considerately. Be fair with them. Don’t forget for a minute that you, too, serve a Master—God in heaven.”

#### B. 1 Timothy 6:18—That They Be Rich in Good Works

1. He admonished them to be “rich in good works.”
  - a. TCNT: “Urge upon them to show kindness, to exhibit a wealth of good actions.”
  - b. MSG: “Be rich in helping others.”
  - c. Your good works should be as abundant as your riches.
2. Matthew 5:16 (AMPC): “Let your light so shine before men that they may see your moral excellence and your praiseworthy, noble, and good deeds and recognize and honor and praise and glorify your Father Who is in heaven.”
3. 1 Peter 2:12 (NIV): “Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us.”





4. Acts 9:36 (NIV-84): "In Joppa there was a disciple named Tabitha (which, when translated, is Dorcas), who was always doing good and helping the poor."
5. Luke 10:30-35—The Good Samaritan
  - a. Verse 35 (NIV): "The next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper. 'Look after him,' he said, 'and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have.'"
  - b. True wealth is found in helping others.

### C. Matthew 27:57-60 (AMPC)—The Rich Man From Arimathea

1. Verse 57: "When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who also was a disciple of Jesus."
  - a. A rich man can also be a follower of Jesus.
  - b. He stepped in to help Jesus' family, seeing that they did not own a tomb in Jerusalem.
2. Verse 58: "He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus, and Pilate ordered that it be given to him."
  - a. Joseph had great wealth—and great influence among the leadership of Jerusalem.
  - b. He boldly went to Pilate and asked for and received the body of Jesus.
3. Verse 59: "And Joseph took the body and rolled it up in a clean linen cloth used for swathing dead bodies."
  - a. This rich man lifted the body and prepared it himself for burial.
4. Verse 60: "And laid it in his own fresh (undefiled) tomb, which he had hewn in the rock."
  - a. This wealthy man built the tomb himself.
5. Verse 60: "And he rolled a big boulder over the door of the tomb and went away."
  - a. He did all of this himself, not requiring anyone to do it for him.
  - b. He was rich in good works.

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### DAY 9—Be Rich in Good Works (Part 2)

#### Foundation Scripture:

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#### A. Luke 12:13-21—Jesus’ Warning About Covetousness

1. Verse 13: “And one of the company said unto him, Master, speak to my brother, that he divide the inheritance with me.”
2. Verse 14: “And he said unto him, Man, who made me a judge or a divider over you?”
3. Verse 15: “And he said unto them, Take heed, and beware of covetousness: for a man’s life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth.”
  - a. NLT: “Then he said, ‘Beware! Guard against every kind of greed. Life is not measured by how much you own.’”
  - b. MSG: “Protect yourself against the least bit of greed.”
  - c. AMPC—*Covetousness* = The immoderate desire for wealth, the greedy longing to have more
4. Verses 16-19: “And he spake a parable unto them, saying, The ground of a certain rich man brought forth plentifully: And he thought within himself, saying, What shall I do, because I have no room where to bestow my fruits? And he said, This will I do: I will pull down my barns, and build greater; and there will I bestow all my fruits and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years; take thine ease, eat, drink, and be merry.”
5. Verses 20-21: “But God said unto him, Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee: then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided? So is he that layeth up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God.”

#### B. 1 Timothy 6:9-10—Paul’s Warning Against Covetousness

1. Paul knew that covetousness was a great temptation for the rich.
2. He also realized that covetousness motivated people who wanted to get rich.
3. *Covetousness* (HEB) = insatiable craving, greed and lust for more—especially at the expense of others
  - a. Proverbs 22:16 (NIV-84): “He who oppresses the poor to increase his wealth and he who gives gifts to the rich—both come to poverty.”
  - b. Jeremiah 17:11 (NIV-84): “Like a partridge that hatches eggs it did not lay is the man who gains riches by unjust means. When his life is half gone, they will desert him, and in the end he will prove to be a fool.”





4. *Covetousness* (GK) = a desire for things that exceeds a desire for God
  - a. You know you've crossed the line if your desire for things begins to exceed your desire for God.
  - b. Matthew 6:24 (MSG): "You can't worship two gods at once. Loving one god, you'll end up hating the other. Adoration of one feeds contempt for the other. You can't worship God and Money both."
  - c. Psalm 119:36 (MSG): "Give me a bent for your words of wisdom, and not for piling up loot."
5. Covetousness results in disaster.
  - a. 1 Timothy 6:9-10 (MSG): "But if it's only money these leaders are after, they'll self-destruct in no time. Lust for money brings trouble and nothing but trouble. Going down that path, some lose their footing in the faith completely and live to regret it bitterly ever after."
  - b. Verse 9 (NLT): "But people who long to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many foolish and harmful desires that plunge them into ruin and destruction."
  - c. Proverbs 15:27 (NIV-84): "A greedy man brings trouble to his family."
  - d. Ecclesiastes 5:13 (NLT): "Hoarding riches harms the saver."
  - e. Mark 4:25 (MSG): "Generosity begets generosity. Stinginess impoverishes."

### C. 2 Kings 5:27—Disastrous Results of Covetousness

1. Verse 27—Gehazi was the shrewd servant of Elisha. Even though Elisha refused payment for the healing of King Namaan, Gahazi's greed got the best of him. He collected payment anyway and ended up with leprosy as punishment.
2. 2 Chronicles 26:5, 16, 21—As long as King Uzziah sought the Lord, God made him to prosper. But the stronger he got, the more greedy and prideful he became. The result was destruction. He became a leper and remained so until his death.
3. Matthew 26:14-16; 27:3-5—Judas hung himself for betraying Jesus for 30 pieces of silver.
4. Acts 5:1-11—Ananias and Sapphira fell dead for holding back their money and lying about it.
5. Take note of modern-day examples of covetousness—those involved in "Ponzi Schemes."

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### DAY 10—Ready to Distribute—Willing to Communicate

#### Foundation Scripture:

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#### A. 1 Timothy 6:17-18—Be Ready to Distribute

1. Paul knew that the rich had a tendency toward being tightfisted with their money.
  - a. Mark 12:41-44—Jesus watched how people gave.
  - b. Verse 44 (NLT): “For they gave a tiny part of their surplus, but she, poor as she is, has given everything she had to live on.”
2. He had to instruct them to be ready to distribute.
  - a. Giving to God with their tithe
  - b. Giving to the ministry with their offering
  - c. Giving to others in need
3. *Ready to distribute* (GK) = Liberal and free in their giving
  - a. MSG: “Be extravagantly generous”
  - b. AMPC: “Be liberal and generous of heart”
4. *Distribute* (GK) = To share; to give some kind of contribution
  - a. This is not an occasional act.
  - b. It is a regular, consistent, habitual contributing of finances.
5. Genesis 12:2 (AMPC): “And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you [with abundant increase of favors] and make your name famous *and* distinguished, and you will be a blessing [dispensing good to others].”

#### B. 1 Timothy 6:17-18—Be Willing to Communicate

1. Paul also knew that the rich had a tendency to be snobby and standoffish to those of lower status.
2. Luke 16:19-31—The Rich Man and Lazarus
  - a. The rich man had nothing to do with the beggar while he lived on the earth.
  - b. The rich man spoke to the beggar through Abraham after they died.
  - c. He was haughty in life and haughty in death.
3. That kind of attitude had to be broken.
  - a. The wealthy should be the loveliest people on earth.
  - b. As you prosper, you don’t stop tithing. You don’t stop giving. You don’t stop giving to the poor. You live by your giving.





- c. You should continually get softer in your heart toward other people, listening to the Lord and being obedient.
  - d. Remember, faith works by love, and you're going to have to have it.
- 4. *Communicate* (GK) = KOINONIKOS
  - a. To be sociable
  - b. To be ready for fellowship
- 5. 1 Peter 4:9 (AMPC): "Practice hospitality to one another (those of the household of faith). [Be hospitable, be a lover of strangers, with brotherly affection for the unknown guests, the foreigners, the poor, and all others who come your way who are of Christ's body.] And [in each instance] do it ungrudgingly (cordially and graciously, without complaining but as representing Him)."

**"If you don't walk in love, you flunk the course!"**

—Gloria Copeland

### C. 1 Timothy 6:19—Building a Foundation for the Future

- 1. By following these instructions, the rich will be "laying up in store for themselves a good foundation against the time to come, that they may lay hold on eternal life."
- 2. *Laying up in store* (GK)
  - a. To store up a treasury
  - b. To deposit in abundance for future use
- 3. *A good foundation* (GK)
  - a. Something put down to build upon
  - b. Example: The foundation of a building, a wall or a city
- 4. That they may lay hold on eternal life
  - a. Not just for heaven
  - b. Eternal life is also the quality of life here and now.
- 5. Matthew 6:20-21 (NIV-84): "But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

### D. Psalm 112—Profile of a Prosperous Believer

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