

# Fathers' Studies: Family Responsibilities

"...that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work."

LESSON 46 OF 52

## USING MONEY WISELY

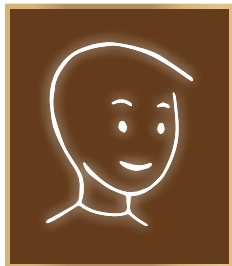
LESSON AIM: To learn how to stay out of traps that money can set for us.

### KEY VERSE:

1. **1 TIMOTHY 6:10** Money is not evil, but the \_\_\_\_\_ of money causes all kinds of evil.
2. **1 TIMOTHY 6:9** If you want to get rich, you may be caught in the trap of \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. **PROVERBS 22:7** When you borrow from someone, what happens? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
4. **MATTHEW 17:24-27** Jesus taught his disciples to pay the \_\_\_\_\_ they owed without complaining.
5. **1 CORINTHIANS 4:7** All you have, including your money, was given to you by \_\_\_\_\_ .

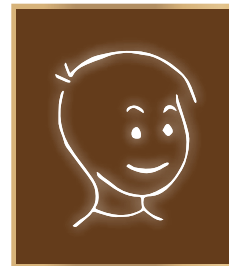
### PERSONAL NOTES:

## For You To Do



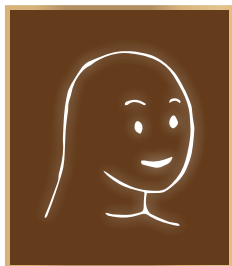
### By Yourself

If you do not know how to make a budget, ask someone to teach you. Your budget will help you to plan wise use of your money.



### With Your Children

Help them develop money management by giving them projects to earn money. Then save it to buy something of lasting value.



### With Your Wife

When she sees something she wants, write it on a list and write the date beside it. Do not buy anything until it has been on the list for 30 days.

What is debt? All around you people, businesses, and nations are going into debt. It almost seems that debt is just another part of life. Everybody wants more money and more things and will do almost anything to get them. Even rich people become slaves to money and debt.

God says that you should not become slaves to anyone except Him. When you fall in love with money or get into debt, it becomes harder to serve God. Money starts to become your master.

Here are some things that will help you not to become a slave to money.

**MAKE A CHOICE** to serve God instead of money. Decide to love Him more than earthly things that money can buy (Matthew 6:24).

**USE YOUR MONEY FOR GOD'S WORK.** Use your money to show your neighbours God's love in your life. Use it for family needs, church needs, and helping others (Proverbs 3:9-10).

**BORROW WISELY OR NOT AT ALL.** Do not borrow money to buy things that lose their value or that do not help you earn more money. Using credit cards or buying on credit is the same as borrowing. When a person borrows, he comes under the power of the person he is borrowing from. (2 Kings 4:1)

**GO SLOW, SAY "NO".** Buying without thinking is a quick way to money troubles. Think over each purchase carefully before you make it. If the seller wants you to hurry, tell him "No". (2 Peter 1:6)

**GET THE BEST BUY.** Shop around. Find out where you can get the most value for your money. Use self-control. Do not listen only to your feelings (Proverbs 21:17).

**GIVE GOD HIS SHARE.** God promises to take care of you if you give cheerfully to Him. (2 Corinthians 9:9-10).

**MAKE FRIENDS, NOT MONEY.** Some people lose their friends by chasing after money. Some lose their wives and children as well. It is better to keep your friends and family even if you are poor. (Proverbs 22:1)

**MATTHEW 6:19-20, 1 CORINTHIANS 16:2, LUKE 12:15, ECCLESIASTES 5:10**

**THE LOVE OF MONEY IS THE BEGINNING OF ALL KINDS OF SIN...  
(1 TIMOTHY 6:10)**

**Love God not money.**

**God rewards giving.**

**Plan carefully how you will use your money.**

**Relationships are more important than money.**

## WINDOW TO LIFE

Pastor John was ready to preach his Sunday sermon. But he felt God saying to him, "Don't preach a new sermon until your people do what you have already preached." So he told his people, "The message from the Lord this morning is 'Love each other.'" Then he sat down.

After a short silence, people all over the church began talking to each other. They asked about each other's needs and started looking for ways to meet those needs. Near the front of the church sat a man and wife who were strangers. Pastor John said, "Do you have any needs this morning?" The man said, "Yes. My wife and I wanted to come to the city to hear you preach. We had just enough money for one return train ticket or for two tickets one-way. We decided that we would both come. But now we need money to get home." Pastor John and other men gave some of their own money to buy train tickets for the visitors.

These people used their money to show their love for God.

