

# Developing a Plan



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## The Three Laws of Physical Balance

1. You have to have a reference point.  
You got to be knowing where your money is going.
3. You have to have a clear objective.  
Honor God with everything, not just a percentage, but with everything.
2. You have to make constant correction.
  - Get out of debt.
  - Steward your extra so that you can be generous.

### A simple way to organize, prioritize and reorder your financial world

You can basically do five things with money

- Spend it
- Repay debt
- Pay taxes
- Save it
- Give it

Your \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ determine how you use your financial resources.

- Too often we want God's \_\_\_\_\_ but we aren't interested in our life \_\_\_\_\_ him.

Your financial priorities

- Your priorities reflect the \_\_\_\_\_ of your heart.

<sup>7</sup>Ever since the time of your ancestors you have turned away from my decrees and have not kept them. Return to me, and I will return

to you," says the LORD Almighty. "But you ask, 'How are we to return?' <sup>8</sup>"Will a mere mortal rob God? Yet you rob me. "But you ask, 'How are we robbing you?' "In tithes and offerings. <sup>9</sup>You are under a curse—your whole nation—because you are robbing me. <sup>10</sup>Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the LORD Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it.

**Malachi 3:7-10 (NIV11)**

<sup>24</sup>"No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.

**Matthew 6:24 (NIV11)**

<sup>31</sup>So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' <sup>32</sup>For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. <sup>33</sup>But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

**Matthew 6:31-33 (NIV11)**

- Prioritizing God's interests financially is an invitation to his activity in your life because he waits to be welcomed.

1. Give and save \_\_\_\_\_ you spend
2. Think \_\_\_\_\_, not just dollars

<sup>43</sup>Calling his disciples to him, Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put more into the treasury than all the others. <sup>44</sup>They all gave out of their wealth; but she, out of her poverty, put in everything—all she had to live on."

**Mark 12:43-44 (NIV11)**

Challenge: Give - Save - Live

### My Next Step Today Is To...

- Meditate on and/or memorize Matthew 6:33
- Re-prioritize my finances around Give - Save - Live
- Take the Tithing challenge.
- Turn my life over to the care of God.