

A Star is Born Part 7 by Ps Larry Elliott
Hand to Mouth

Money plays a big role in all our lives.

Matthew 6:25 NKJV "Therefore I say to you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink; nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing?"

Hand to Mouth

Definition: satisfying only one's immediate needs because of lack of money for future plans and investments.

Matthew 6:24 NKJV ""No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon.

{Speak about Statistics}

God is interested in you prospering in every area including your finances:

The scriptures including Jesus made references to Money more than 2000 times

Faith and Prayer only get 500 each

Money is neutral

It can be good and it can be evil, IT takes on the nature of the one who owns it.

I Timothy 6:10 NKJV "For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, for which some have strayed from the faith in their greediness, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows."

Greek: Philarguros

COVETOUS: having or showing a great desire to possess something belonging to someone else

AVARICE: extreme greed for wealth or material gain

Jesus:

Matthew 6:21 NKJV "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

IN LISTING the MAIN reasons for divorce, MONEY is always in the top 3.

👉 **Pastor: (maybe we should change the wedding vows to "till debt us do part")**

The TRUTH IS if you don't manage your money it will manage you....

The wisest man that ever lived, Solomon, was also the richest man that ever lived

(There's a sermon right there)



Ecclesiastes teaches us how to get into trouble with money

Proverbs teaches us how to build riches with money

Proverbs 27:20 NKJV "Hell and Destruction are never full; So the eyes of man are never satisfied."

Human Desire

We always want more why we think **money will:**

1. Bring happiness

- If you have more money you will be more happy and so our yearning exceeds our earning (Chasing)

Ecclesiastes 5:10 NKJV "He who loves silver will not be satisfied with silver; Nor he who loves abundance, with increase. This also is vanity."

(Not just the rich love money, even poor can love money)

Money can DO a lot of things:

- it can build a home
- it will put a child through college
- it can build a school or church
- BUT it cannot buy happiness.

Don't love money

2. Significance

- If I have money I'll be more important.
- If I have money, I'll have more power and people will respect me more.
- If I have more money I can look the part.
- Net worth doesn't equal net value / your worth comes from who's you are / who you are and what you do with your LIFE.

Luke 12:15 NKJV "And He said to them, "Take heed and beware of covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of the things he possesses.""

3. Security

- **AGAIN**, Money can do a lot for us.
- BUT how much money do you need to be secure.
- You can lose it all overnight
- Security must be put in something that cannot be taken from you.
- Every natural thing can be taken away in a moment. But they can't take what you know, the fact that God loves me and will help me always you can't replace relationships



😄 They Can't take AWAY:

- a) God loves you
- b) Your true relationships
- c) Who you are
- d) What you have learned and the skills you have obtained

PSALM 20:7 AMP "Some trust in chariots and some in horses, But we will remember and trust in the name of the LORD our God."

Remember:

With more comes more expense, it costs more to have more,



The grass maybe greener on the other side, but so is the water bill.

Ecclesiastes 5:11-14 NKJV "When goods increase, they increase who eat them; so what profit have the owners except to see them with their eyes? The sleep of a labouring man is sweet, whether he eats little or much; but the abundance of the rich will not permit him to sleep. There is a severe evil which I have seen under the sun: Riches kept for their owner to his hurt. But those riches perish through misfortune; When he begets a son, there is nothing in his hand."

Don't let things have a hold on you.

5 Foundations for financial stability

1. Keep good records (Entitlement, Ignorance and easy credit, make easy to be neglectful and live in Debt)

Proverbs 27:23 NKJV "Be diligent to know the state of your flocks, and attend to your herds; For riches are not forever, Nor does a crown endure to all generations."

What:

- a) Do I Own
 - b) Do I Owe
 - c) Do I Earn
 - d) Where is it all going
2. Plan your spending (set goals and stick to them)

Proverbs 21:5-6 GNB "Plan carefully and you will have plenty; if you act too quickly, you will never have enough. The riches you get by dishonesty soon disappear, but not before they lead you into the jaws of death."

PLANNED SPENDING PRODUCES LONG TERM SATISFACTION & CONFIDENCE & IMPULSE SPENDING CAN HAVE DEVASTATING CONSEQUENCES.

- Budgeting give you railroad tracks to stay in place and keep moving forward and out



- of trouble (A budget tells your money where it will go)
- Its not always how much you make it's how you spend it **Stop (SAY NO)**

One of the best decisions you can make when you're feeling an impulse or facing a high-stakes dilemma is the decision to stop. Take a time-out. Pray for guidance. Sleep on it. Get some godly wisdom from people you trust and picture the possible outcomes. Then, ask yourself, "Is this something I should stop completely?"

- a) Give
- b) Invest (Save)
- c) Live on Less (The Discipline of Decrease)

3. Save for the future

Proverbs 21:20 NKJV "There is desirable treasure, and oil in the dwelling of the wise, but a foolish man squanders it."

The South African Savings Institute has noted the December 2017 figures reveal that households are saving 0.2% of their income.

(This is UP from previous years)

Debt to household income remains stubbornly high at 72.5% in the same bulletin.

Despite the gloomy economy, South Africans are trying to save again and this is positive.

By saving, it means that the wealth creation cycle has restarted, and will help the economy stabilize and recover.

Saving promotes the fruit of Self-Control and develops your character, it teaches you the power of delayed gratification and will produce rich rewards.

4. Tithe and Be A Giver (the first 10% goes to God)

Tithing expresses your honour and commitment to God and His Kingdom, it establishes God's Reign in our lives and begins a Divine Cycle of Blessing

- 🔴 Tithing and then Giving Offerings (Being Generous) is an act of FAITH & Obedience to God's Word.
- 🔴 It will cause your Faith to Grow and become stable while building your Wealth.
- 🔴 Faith means I see my Present Circumstance in the Light of God's Future Promises.

In addition, TITHING & GIVING defeats greed in your life and shows God you are serious about serving Jesus and can be trusted with Wealth.

Live Generously and with an open hand



✅ If you want God to bless you in **any area** put God First in that area.

Matthew 6:33 NKJV “But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.”

Don't let what you have determine your value or status.

What you drive does not make you or break you it's who you are and who you are becoming that counts the most.

5. Enjoy what you have

WE can get so Focused on what you don't have. Chasing that down you forget to enjoy what you already have.

Ecclesiastes 5:19 NKJV As for every man to whom God has given riches and wealth, and given him power to eat of it, to receive his heritage and rejoice in his labour—this is the gift of God.

😓 What can happen is you can't spend time with your kids and family; you don't Live In the moment, because you are worried about the next payment or who you haven't paid yet.

Remember: I can do all things through.....Philippians 4:13

The Key is LIVE, LOVE & ENJOY Love, where you are (be content) while trusting God to grow.

1 Kings 17:8-16 NKJV “Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying, “Arise, go to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and dwell there. See, I have commanded a widow there to provide for you.” So he arose and went to Zarephath. And when he came to the gate of the city, indeed a widow was there gathering sticks. And he called to her and said, “Please bring me a little water in a cup, that I may drink.” And as she was going to get it, he called to her and said, “Please bring me a morsel of bread in your hand.” So she said, “As the LORD your God lives, I do not have bread, only a handful of flour in a bin, and a little oil in a jar; and see, I am gathering a couple of sticks that I may go in and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it, and die.” And Elijah said to her, “Do not fear; go and do as you have said, but make me a small cake from it first, and bring it to me; and afterward make some for yourself and your son. For thus says the LORD God of Israel: ‘The bin of flour shall not be used up, nor shall the jar of oil run dry, until the day the LORD sends rain on the earth.’ ” So she went away and did according to the word of Elijah; and she and he and her household ate for many days. The bin of flour was not used up, nor did the jar of oil run dry, according to the word of the LORD which He spoke by Elijah.”

