

## God's Will in Your Wallet: How to best use wealth to fulfill your calling

Money is the most powerful tool ever invented, and great leaders handle it wisely. In the Parable of the Shrewd Manager, Jesus articulates four financial principles to make the most of whatever he has entrusted to you. Outcomes: 1) Discover the true purpose of wealth, and why handling wealth well matters from here to eternity, 2) Learn all the accounting you need in three minutes, and 3) Use three financial tools to build a personal financial plan for God's glory.

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### #1 The True Purpose of Wealth

Use wealth to gain friends forever (Parable of the Shrewd Manager: Luke 16:1-15)

Context: Pharisees and Teachers of the Law: Why does Jesus welcome sinners/tax collectors?

Jesus' response: Three Parables (Lost sheep, lost coin, lost son)

The Other Brother Syndrome

Parable of the Shrewd Manager

*Will you have the heart of the Father? Or of the Other Brother?*

Love others as God loves you → give God the glory → Great Commandments + Great Commission

**The Friends Test: One simple question to guide every financial decision: Will this make a friend?**

How do you use worldly wealth to gain friends forever? **The Friends Plan (Luke 16:10-12)**

*Principle 1: Worthy of Trust*

*Principle 2: Little to Much*

*Principle 3: From Here to Eternity*

*Principle 4: Stewardship to Ownership*

### #2 The Three Minute Accountant

**Balance Sheet:** List your three biggest assets less your three biggest liabilities = Net Worth

**Income Statement:** What you earn less what you spend = Profit (or Loss)

**Cash Flows Statement** (Three sources and uses of cash): Earn it, Sell something, or Borrow

Are you financially Dependent, Independent, or Free?

**Free small group study for biblical financial literacy:** <https://americaschristiancu.com/getting-rich-right/>

### #3 Your Personal Financial Plan for God's Glory Money is a tool to help you serve better.

**Active Income:**  $You * Rate * Time$

Who/what/where/when/how do you serve?

SMART Goals and The 6 Fs: Faith, Family, Friends, Finances, Fitness, professional

**Passive Income:**  $Your Stuff * Rate * Time$

Analyze your Balance Sheet: Eat, Store, Plan

**Bottom Line: Use what you can't keep to gain what you can't lose. Use wealth to gain friends forever.**