

Valley Bible Church
Sermon Notes for September 16, 2007

The Bible and Personal Finances
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Everything we have belongs to the Lord (Deuteronomy 10:14; Psalms 24:1).

It is more blessed to save than to borrow (Deuteronomy 15:6; 28:12).

Saving in the Scriptures is represented as wise and therefore as something that should be pursued (Proverbs 6:6-8; 30:24-25).

Strive to set aside in your checking account one-month's living expenses that will provide you instant liquidity in case of sudden emergency.

Strive to set aside in an interest bearing account two to six months of living expenses that would provide you a source of money during a protracted emergency.

Strive to save for future anticipated needs so that when that future anticipated need arrives you will have the money.

Paul encouraged Corinthian Christians to regularly and frequently set aside money into a savings account dedicated to the project they had committed themselves to (1 Corinthians 16:2).

Paul's plan would require us whenever we are paid or receive money to immediately place a portion of that money into a dedicated savings account that should be considered untouchable.

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- Use it up
- Wear it out
- Make it do
- Do without

We should not fear living on less in order to save because the Lord has made it very clear to us in His Word that having a savings is truly a blessed thing.

May God give us the grace to discipline ourselves for the purpose of saving not only that we might be blessed but also most importantly that He might be glorified.