

Valley Bible Church
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What Does It Mean To Manage Our Finances Biblically?
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Managing our finances biblically means that all our financial decisions will be made with the mindset of a steward rather than an owner (Deuteronomy 10:14; Psalms 24:1).

Managing our finances biblically means that, we as the Lord's stewards, will seek in all our financial decisions to pursue the things He has called blessed rather than other things.

The Bible teaches us that it is more blessed to save than to borrow (Deuteronomy 28:12).

Because saving is more blessed than borrowing, saving is encouraged in the Scriptures (Proverbs 6:6-8; 30:24-25).

Because saving is more blessed than borrowing, borrowing is discouraged in the Scriptures (Proverbs 22:7).

The Bible also teaches us that it is more blessed to give than to receive (Acts 20:35).

When Jesus said, "It is more blessed to give than receive," He meant that those who gave for Christ's sake and for the gospel's sake would be far more blessed than those who simply received, both in terms of time and eternity (Mark 10:28-30).

When Jesus told His disciples in Mark 10:30 that they would receive one hundred times as much as they had given in this present age, He was speaking figuratively of spiritual blessings.

May God give us the grace to be His faithful stewards, emphasizing in all our financial decisions what He Himself has called blessed, thus honoring Him and bringing blessing to ourselves and others.