



September Sermon Series:
“LORD, MAKE MY LIFE COUNT!”

Foundation Scripture

Ephesians 5:15-17, Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity [make it count], because the days are evil. Therefore, do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is.”



QUESTION:

**What Difference Is Your Life
Making?**

Lesson One: Lord, Make My Work Count!

Lesson Two: Lord, Make My Rest Count!

**Lesson Three: Lord, Make My Prayers
Count!**



Lesson Four:
LORD, MAKE MY MONEY
COUNT!

Scripture Lesson: Luke 16:10-15 (NIV), Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much. So, if you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches? And if you have not been trustworthy with someone else's property, who will give you property of your own? "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." The Pharisees, who loved money, heard all this and were sneering at Jesus. He said to them, "You are the ones who justify yourselves in the eyes of others, but God knows your hearts. What people value highly is detestable in God's sight.

- **Makes**
- **Saves**
- **Spends**
- **Gives**

Three Biblical Principles:

- 1. Ownership**
- 2. Stewardship**
- 3. Generosity**



I. The Principle Of Ownership



a. God Owns It All.
Psalm 24:1-2

Psalm 24:1-2, The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it; for He founded it upon the seas and established it upon the waters.



**b. God Trusts You With His
Wealth.**

Luke 16:10-12

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II. The Principle Of Stewardship



a. Spend Carefully

Luke 12:15; I Timothy 6:6-8

Luke 12:15, Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; a man's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions.

1 Timothy 6:6-8, But godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that.



b. Save Wisely

Proverbs 6:6-8, 22:3;

Genesis 41:33-38

**Proverbs 6:6-8, Go to the ant,
you sluggard; consider its ways
and be wise! It has no
commander, no overseer or
ruler, yet it stores its provisions
in summer and gathers its food
at harvest.**

Genesis 41:33-38, And now let Pharaoh look for a discerning and wise man and put him in charge of the land of Egypt. Let Pharaoh appoint commissioners over the land to take a fifth of the harvest of Egypt during the seven years of abundance. They should collect all the food of these good years that are coming and store up the grain under the authority of Pharaoh, to be kept in the cities for food.

This food should be held in reserve for the country, to be used during the seven years of famine that will come upon Egypt, so that the country may not be ruined by the famine.” The plan seemed good to Pharaoh and to all his officials. So, Pharaoh asked them, “Can we find anyone like this man, one in whom is the spirit of God?”


**Proverbs 22:3, A prudent man sees
danger and takes refuge, but the
simple keep going and suffer for it.**



c. Keep Out Of Debt

Proverbs 22:7; Romans 13:7-8

**Proverbs 22:7, The rich rule over
the poor, and the borrower is
servant to the lender.”**



**“When your outgo exceeds your
income, your upkeep becomes
your downfall.”**

Romans 13:7-8, Give everyone what you owe him ... let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another, for he who loves his fellowman has fulfilled the law.



III. The Principle Of Generosity



**a. God Loves A Generous
Heart.**

**Proverbs 11:25;
II Corinthians 9:6-7**

**Proverbs 11:25, A generous man
will prosper; he who refreshes
others will himself be refreshed.**

II Corinthians 9:6-7, Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.



**b. Money Is A Tool For
Blessing Others.**

Acts 20:35; Ephesians 4:28

Acts 20:35, By this kind of hard work we must help the weak, remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said: 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'

Ephesians 4:28, He who has been stealing must steal no longer, but must work, doing something useful with his own hands, that he may have something to share with those in need.



**c. Store Up Treasure In Heaven
Not Earth.**

Matthew 6:19-21; Proverbs 19:17

Matthew 6:19-21, Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

**Proverbs 19:17, He who is kind to
the poor lends to the Lord, and
He will reward him for what he
has done.**

Malachi 3:10, “Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, so that there may be food in My house, and test Me now in this,” says the Lord of hosts, “If I will not open for you the *windows of heaven* and *pour out* for you a blessing until it overflows.”