



Developing a Plan

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The Three Laws of Balance require that we need...

- A Reference Point
We need to know where our money is going.
- A Clear Objective
To Honour God with Everything
- To make Constant Corrections
 - #1 – *We need to get out of debt*
 - #2 – *Rethink how you are managing your 'extra'*
 - #3 – *Explore what creates discontentment in us and shrink our appetites*

5 Things we can do with Money:

1. _____
2. Repay Debt _____
3. Pay Taxes _____
4. _____
5. _____

Malachi 3:7-10b NIV

⁷ Ever since the time of your ancestors you have turned away from my decrees and have not kept them. Return to me, and I will return to you," says the Lord Almighty.

^{7b} "But you ask, 'How are we to return?'

⁸ "Will a mere mortal rob God? Yet you rob me.

"But you ask, 'How are we robbing you?'

"In tithes and offerings.

⁹ You are under a curse—your whole nation—because you are robbing me.

¹⁰ Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house.

^{10b} Test me in this," says the Lord Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it..."

Matthew 6:24 NIV

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.

Matthew 6:31-33 NIV

³¹ So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?'

³² For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them.

³³ But seek **first** his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

Develop a Plan for Maintaining Financial Balance:

#1 – _____

#2 – Save

#3 – _____ (spend, debt repayment, taxes)

* Think percentages instead of dollar amounts

Mark 12:41-44 NLT

⁴¹ Jesus sat down near the collection box in the Temple and watched as the crowds dropped in their money. Many rich people put in large amounts.

⁴² Then a poor widow came and dropped in two small coins.

⁴³ Jesus called his disciples to him and said, "I tell you the truth, this poor widow has given more than all the others who are making contributions.

⁴⁴ For they gave a tiny part of their surplus, but she, poor as she is, has given everything she had to live on."

Apprenticeship Prayer Partner Question:

What is the next step Jesus is asking you to take in order to move towards financial balance?