

#### 4. Simple Guidelines for \_\_\_\_\_ Management

A. God \_\_\_\_\_ everything

1 CORINTHIANS 10:26

<sup>26</sup> For the earth is the Lord's, and the fulness thereof.

B. \_\_\_\_\_ ahead and avoid problems

LUKE 14:28

<sup>28</sup> For which of you, intending to build a tower, sitteth not down first, and counteth the cost, whether he have sufficient to finish it?

C. Keep good \_\_\_\_\_

PROVERBS 24:3-4

<sup>3</sup> Through wisdom is an house builded; and by understanding it is established: <sup>4</sup> and by knowledge shall the chambers be filled with all precious and pleasant riches.

D. Get \_\_\_\_\_

PROVERBS 14:15

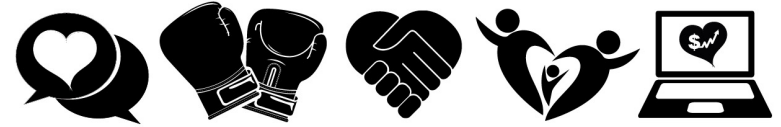
<sup>15</sup> The simple believeth every word: but the prudent man looketh well to his going.

Conclusion: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Reflection Questions:

1. What is the driving force of materialism in your family?
2. What purchase are you currently considering that you do not need?
3. What percentage of your income are you giving to the church?
4. How much is your current credit card debt? Noncredit card debt? What steps are you taking to get out of debt?

SIMPLY LIVING WHAT WE VOWED



## For Rich or For Poor

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Introduction: \_\_\_\_\_

MATTHEW 6:31-33

<sup>31</sup> Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed? <sup>32</sup> For after all these things do the Gentiles seek: for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things. <sup>33</sup> But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

### 1. Key Scriptures in Understanding \_\_\_\_\_

A. How we handle \_\_\_\_\_  
reveals our hearts

LUKE 16:10-14

<sup>10</sup> He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much: and he that is unjust in the least is unjust also in much. <sup>11</sup> If therefore ye have not been faithful in the unrighteous mammon, who will commit to your trust the true riches? <sup>12</sup> And if ye have not been faithful in that which is another man's, who shall give you that which is your own? <sup>13</sup> No servant can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon. <sup>14</sup> And the Pharisees also, who were covetous, heard all these things: and they derided him.

MATTHEW 6:21

<sup>21</sup> For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

B. Discontentedness, or covetousness, is a \_\_\_\_\_

1 TIMOTHY 6:3-10

<sup>3</sup> If any man teach otherwise, and consent not to wholesome words, even the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to the doctrine which is according to godliness; <sup>4</sup> he is proud, knowing nothing, but dotting about questions and strifes of words, whereof cometh envy, strife, railings, evil surmisings, <sup>5</sup> perverse disputings of men of corrupt minds, and destitute of the truth, supposing that gain is godliness: from such withdraw thyself. <sup>6</sup> But godliness with contentment is great gain. <sup>7</sup> For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. <sup>8</sup> And having food and raiment let us be therewith content. <sup>9</sup> But they that will be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition.

<sup>10</sup> For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.

C. Indebtedness equals \_\_\_\_\_

PROVERBS 22:7

<sup>7</sup> The rich ruleth over the poor, and the borrower is servant to the lender.

## 2. Key Words for Avoiding \_\_\_\_\_ Conflict

A. \_\_\_\_\_

1 CORINTHIANS 4:2

<sup>2</sup> Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful.

B. \_\_\_\_\_

MATTHEW 25:20-21

<sup>20</sup> And so he that had received five talents came and brought other five talents, saying, Lord, thou deliveredst unto me five talents: behold, I have gained beside them five talents more. <sup>21</sup> His lord said unto him, Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord.

• Tithe

PROVERBS 3:9

<sup>9</sup> Honour the Lord with thy substance, and with the firstfruits of all thine increase:

• Taxes

MATTHEW 22:21

<sup>21</sup> They say unto him, Cæsar's. Then saith he unto them, Render therefore unto Cæsar the things which are Cæsar's; and unto God the things that are God's.

## 3. How to Overcome \_\_\_\_\_

PHILIPPIANS 4:11

<sup>11</sup> Not that I speak in respect of want: for I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content.

A. Learn the secret of \_\_\_\_\_ without desiring

HEBREWS 13:5

<sup>5</sup> Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.

B. Learn the secret of \_\_\_\_\_ stuff away

ACTS 20:35

<sup>35</sup> I have shewed you all things, how that so labouring ye ought to support the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, It is more blessed to give than to receive.

C. Learn the secret of being \_\_\_\_\_  
toward God

LUKE 19:8

<sup>8</sup> And Zacchæus stood, and said unto the Lord; Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have taken any thing from any man by false accusation, I restore him fourfold.

D. Learn to view things in the light of the reality of

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LUKE 12:15

<sup>15</sup> And he said unto them, Take heed, and beware of covetousness: for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth.