

# Avoiding Financial Collapse

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Take Home Handout  
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## HOW WE GET INTO TROUBLE

*"Human desires are like the world of the dead - there is always room for more."* Proverbs 27:20

### WHAT WE *HOPE* HAVING MORE WILL BRING:

\* **MORE** \_\_\_\_\_

*"You will never be satisfied if you long to be rich. You will never get all you want."*  
Ecclesiastes 5:10 (GN)

\* **MORE** \_\_\_\_\_

*"A man's true life is not made up of the things he owns, no matter how rich he may be."*  
Luke 12:15 (GN)

\* **MORE** \_\_\_\_\_

*"Your money can be gone in a flash, as if it had grown wings and flown away like an eagle."*  
Proverbs 23:5 (GN)

### WHAT HAVING MORE *REALLY* BRINGS;

\* **MORE** \_\_\_\_\_

*"The more money you have, the more you spend, right up to the limits of your income..."*  
Ecclesiastes 5:11 (LB)

\* **MORE** \_\_\_\_\_

*"A working man... can get a good night's sleep. But the rich man has so much that he stays awake worrying!"* Ecclesiastes 5:12 (GN)

\* **MORE** \_\_\_\_\_

*"... risky investments turn sour, and soon there's nothing left... It is all swept away. The rest of his life he's under a cloud - gloomy, discouraged, frustrated and angry."*  
Ecclesiastes 5:14-17 (LB)

## **GOD'S WAY TO AVOID FINANCIAL TROUBLE**

### **1. KEEP \_\_\_\_\_**

*"Riches can disappear fast... so watch your business interests closely. Know the state of your flocks." Proverbs 27:23-24 (LB)*

### **2. PLAN \_\_\_\_\_**

*"Plan carefully and you will have plenty. If you act too quickly, you will never have enough." Proverbs 21:5 (GN)*

*"... stupid people spend their money as fast as they get it!" Proverbs 21:20b (GN)*

### **3. SAVE \_\_\_\_\_**

*"The wise man saves for the future..." Proverbs 21:20a (LB)*

*"... he grows rich who accumulates little by little." Proverbs 13:11 (JB)*

### **4. TITHE \_\_\_\_\_**

It's an act of \_\_\_\_\_.

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*"Honor the Lord by giving him the first part of all your income, and He will fill your barns... to overflow!" Proverbs 3:9-10 (LB)*

### **5. ENJOY \_\_\_\_\_**

*"It is better to be satisfied with what you have than to always be wanting something else." Ecclesiastes 6:9 (GN)*

## **THE BOTTOM LINE**

*"No one can serve two masters. Either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other....Seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well." Matthew 6:24,33 (NIV)*