

Proverbs 22: 1-7 New in Christ: Living Free

“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.” Luke 16: 10

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1 Living in Freedom Little by Little

“So if you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches.” Luke 16: 11

- Serve the Lord as your Master and make money your servant.

“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.” Luke 16: 13

- Be content in your heart with what you have.

Jesus said, “Beware! Guard against every kind of greed. Life is not measured by how much you own.” Luke 12: 15
“Don’t love money; be satisfied with what you have. For God has said, “I will never fail you. I will never abandon you.” Hebrews 13: 5

- Be faithful with little.

“Dishonest money dwindles away, but whoever gathers money little by little makes it grow.” Proverbs 13:11

- Run away from debt now.

“Free yourself, like a gazelle from the hand of the hunter, like a bird from the snare of the fowler.” Proverbs 6: 5

- Make a budget based on right priorities

“Seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.” Matthew 6: 33

- Learn to save to bless.

“Four things on earth are small, yet they are extremely wise: Ants are creatures of little strength, yet they store up their food in the summer.” Proverbs 30: 24, 25

2 God's Desire for our Freedom

"It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery." Galatians 5: 1

- All freedom is found in Christ
- Christ's freedom is with a purpose to serve in love.

3 Living Free

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Q How can you know if you can afford something?

A You can pay for it with cash.

- Want freedom enough to change behavior. Bust out!
- Save \$1000 as fast as you can.
- Quit borrowing more money – pull out the scissors.
- Live on the principle of overflow.