

Principles for Financial Success

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I. Introduction.

A. To be financially successful...

1. Have a hard working father.
2. Be on God's side.

B. Sources of success.

1. God. (Deuteronomy 8:18)
2. The enemy.

II. Things to learn.

A. Learn the basic law of economics is that there is no such thing as a free lunch.

B. Learn to work.

C. Learn to save.

D. Learn to stay in your own field.

E. Learn that credit is more important than cash.

F. Learn the importance of honesty.

G. Learn to be patient. (Proverbs 28:20)

H. Learn to focus your energy.

I. Learn to watch your attitudes.

J. Learn to take time to smell the flowers.

K. Learn to sell.

L. Learn to make the best possible use of your time.

M. Learn to listen.

N. Learn to grow into business instead of going into business.

O. Learn how to approach a business situation.

1. Get the facts. (Proverbs 23:23; Proverbs 14:15)

2. Face the facts. (Proverbs 14:8)
3. Think things through.
4. Plan ahead.
5. Make a decision. (1 Kings 18)
6. Do it now.

III. Things not to do.

- A. Do not go into debt unless it is life insurance, a house and a business.
- B. Do not be afraid to take a risk. Be sure you are in a position to depend upon no one but God.
- C. Do not be proud.
- D. Do not get greedy. (1 John 2:15-16)
- E. Do not get out on a limb where someone can cut you off.
- F. Do not waste.

IV. Wise sayings to remember.

- A. Never argue with a man with a gun.
- B. Remember what separates the men from the boys. Is he lazy? Does he have horse-sense?
- C. Never look back.
- D. When you become worth more, you will be paid more.
- E. Yield equals risk.

V. Why make a million dollars.

- A. Many problems come with this much money.
- B. Most rich people are miserable.
- C. The more you have, the more you look after.
- D. The rich are never sure who their real friends are.

VI. How to keep a million dollars. The government is always trying to take your money away.

VII. Conclusion and observations. Do not give up.

Application questions:

1. Which principle for financial success did you find most helpful? Explain.

2. Which wise saying stands out to you?

3. What are the challenges of being rich? Should Christians pursue wealth as a goal?
