

Financial Self-Control

Titus 2:11 – 14

I. Introduction

Galatians 5:22 – 23 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.

Proverbs 25:28 A man without self-control is like a city broken into and left without walls.

II. Being a Faithful Steward Requires Self-Control in Our Finances

A. Being a faithful steward requires self-control in planning

Proverbs 21:5 The plans of the diligent lead surely to abundance, but everyone who is hasty comes only to poverty.

Proverbs 6:6 – 8 Go to the ant, O sluggard; consider her ways, and be wise. Without having any chief, officer, or ruler, she prepares her bread in summer and gathers her food in harvest.

Proverbs 22:3 The prudent sees danger and hides himself, but the simple go on and suffer for it.

1 Corinthians 16:2 On the first day of every week, each of you is to put something aside and store it up, as he may prosper, so that there will be no collecting when I come.

B. Being a faithful steward requires self-control in spending

James 4:1 – 3 What causes quarrels and what causes fights among you? Is it not this, that your passions are at war within you? You desire and do not have, so you murder. You covet and cannot obtain, so you fight and quarrel. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions.

Proverbs 27:20 Sheol and Abaddon are never satisfied, and never satisfied are the eyes of man.

Proverbs 21:17 Whoever loves pleasure will be a poor man; he who loves wine and oil will not be rich.

Proverbs 21:20 Precious treasure and oil are in a wise man's dwelling, but a foolish man devours it.

Romans 13:14 But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Proverbs 15:22 Without counsel plans fail, but with many advisers they succeed.

C. Being a faithful steward requires self-control in using debt

Deuteronomy 28:12 The LORD will open to you his good treasury, the heavens, to give the rain to your land in its season and to bless all the work of your hands. And you shall lend to many nations, but you shall not borrow.

Proverbs 22:7 The rich rules over the poor, and the borrower is the slave of the lender.

III. Conclusion

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