Wealth Strategies... A Biblical Perspective

1. Pitfalls to Avoid:

2. A person who is lazy will experience poverty (Proverbs 6:6-11).
3. Having great plans and not implementing them leads to poverty (Proverbs 14:23).
5. A man who mistreats his wife (Malachi 2:13-14; 1 Peter 3:7).
6. When the rich hoard their money, God is not pleased (Luke 12:13-21; Matthew 19:16-26; James 5:1-6).
7. Don’t chase “get rich” schemes (Proverbs 23:4-5; 28:19-20, 22; 1 Timothy 6:9).

2. Achieving Wealth God’s Way:

1. Live a life surrendered to God (2 Chronicles 17:3-6).
2. Get wisdom and understanding (Proverbs 24:3-5; 14:24; 1 Kings 3:11).
3. A person that fears God and is faithful to live wise and righteous (Proverbs 22:4; Psalm 112:1-3; 128).
4. Righteous living is a result of faithful giving which leads to blessings (2 Corinthians 9:10-11; Luke 12:29-34).
5. “The blessing of the Lord brings wealth, and He adds no trouble to it.” (Proverbs 10:22; NIV)
6. “To the man who pleases him, God gives wisdom, knowledge and happiness, but to the sinner he gives the task of gathering and storing up wealth to hand it over to the one who pleases God. This too is meaningless, a chasing after the wind.” (Ecclesiastes 2:26; NIV)
7. “Moreover, when God gives any man wealth and possessions, and enables him to enjoy them, to accept his lot and be happy in his work — this is a gift of God. He seldom reflects on the days of his life, because God keeps him occupied with gladness of heart.” (Ecclesiastes 5:19-20; NIV)

3. Maintaining God’s Wealth God’s Way:

1. Grow spiritually because godliness leads to contentment (Philippians 4:11-12; 1 Timothy 6:6-8).
2. Contentment preserves our money. It restrains us from chasing the newest thing out (1 John 2:15-17).
3. Do not allow money to become our master (Matthew 6:24; 1 Timothy 6:10).
4. Use God’s blessings for God’s purposes this leads to more prosperity (2 Corinthians 9:10-11).