



SERIES: DISCOVERING THE BLESSINGS AND FAVOR OF GOD
PART IV: God Rewards Purpose-Led Stewardship – Pastor Alton Trimble
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II Corinthians 8:7 (NLT)

Since you excel in so many ways—in your faith, your gifted speakers, your knowledge, your enthusiasm, and your love from us—I want you to excel also in this gracious act of giving.

I. GOD IS A REWARDER

Hebrews 11:6 (NKJV)

But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.

Definition – Rewarder: Recompenser, to compensate, to repay for something, to remunerate as for services.

1. Matthew 6 says that God will reward...

Matthew 6:3-4 (NKJV)

But when you do a charitable deed, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, ⁴that your charitable deed may be in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will Himself reward you openly.

Matthew 6:6 (NKJV)

But you, when you pray, go into your room, and when you have shut your door, pray to your Father who is in the secret place; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly.

Matthew 6:17-18 (NKJV)

But you, when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, ¹⁸so that you do not appear to men to be fasting, but to your Father who is in the secret place; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly.

2. I Corinthians 3:8 lets us know that our reward is corollary to our labor.

I Corinthians 3:8 (NKJV)

Now he who plants and he who waters are one, and each one will receive his own reward according to his own labor.

3. Ephesians 2 tells us that we are not saved by good works but for good works.

Ephesians 2:8-10 (NKJV)

For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God,⁹ not of works, lest anyone should boast.¹⁰ For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

- a. The word of God teaches us to distinguish between belief and behavior on many levels.

4. Our reward is not just that which pertains to the hereafter or after here.

- a. God rewards us now in this life.

Mark 10:29-30 (NKJV)

So Jesus answered and said, “Assuredly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or lands, for My sake and the gospel’s,³⁰ who shall not receive a hundredfold now in this time—houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands, with persecutions—and in the age to come, eternal life.

II. BUILDING HABITS FOR FINANCIAL SUCCESS

1. Remember that God is my source.

Deuteronomy 8:18 *“Always remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you the ability to produce wealth.”*

2. I must make money honestly.

Proverbs 15:27 says this *“Dishonest money brings grief to the whole family.”*

- i. Not giving a full day’s work.
- ii. Padding an expense account is dishonest income.
- iii. Misusing resources at the office is dishonest.
- iv. Fudging on your taxes is a dishonest way to make money.

Proverbs 16:11 *“The Lord demands fairness in every business deal; he sets the standard.”*

Proverbs 28:2 the Bible says *“If you make money by charging high interest rates, you will lose it all to someone who cares for the poor.”*

Proverbs 13:11 *“Wealth from get-rich-quick schemes quickly disappears; but wealth from hard work grows.”*

Here are some lessons about investing:

- i. Stick with what you know when you are investing.
- ii. Never invest on emotion.
- iii. Never risk borrowed money.
- iv. Always test the idea with other people.
- v. Doubt the guy who always has a big deal.

Proverbs 21:5 *“Steady plodding brings prosperity; hasty speculation brings poverty.”*

3. Honor God first.

Deuteronomy 14:23 (TLB) *“The purpose of tithing is to teach you always to put God first in your lives.”*

Proverbs 3:9-10 (TLB) *Honor the Lord by giving him the first part of all your income, and he will fill your barns with wheat and barley and overflow your wine vats with the finest wines.*

Deuteronomy 14:23 (TLB) *“The purpose of tithing is to teach you always to put God first in your lives.”*

Malachi 3:10 *“Bring to my storehouse a full tenth...”*

1 Corinthians 16:1 (TLB) says this *“On the first day of every week [That’s the day we worship, Sunday] put aside some of what you’ve earned during the week, and use it for the offering. The amount depends on how much the Lord has helped you earn.”*

4. Save money wisely.

Proverbs 21:20 *“The wise man [In other words, the smart man, the intelligent man] saves for the future, but the foolish man spends whatever he gets.”*

5. Keep good records.

Proverbs 21:5 *“Plan carefully and you will have plenty.”*

Proverbs 27:23-24 (TLB) *Riches can disappear fast. And the king’s crown doesn’t stay in his family forever—so watch your business interests closely. Know the state of your flocks and your herds.*

Proverbs 23:5 says this: *“Your money can be gone in a flash, as if it had grown wings and flown away like an eagle.”*

6. I must plan my spending.

Proverbs 21:20 says this *“Stupid people [that’s none of you] spend their money as fast as they get it.”*

Proverbs 21:5 *“Plan carefully and you’ll have plenty. If you act too quickly you’ll never have enough.”*

7. Set up a repayment plan.

Proverbs 3:27 *“Don’t withhold repayment of your debts.”*

Romans 13:8 *“Let no debt remain outstanding.”*

8. Commit it all to God.

Proverbs 16:3 *“Commit your work to the Lord, and then your plans will succeed.”*