

## Eight Important Questions to Ask Yourself About Your Finances to Become an Increasingly Excellent Steward:

1. If you died today, would your spouse or family members know where to find all of your important financial documents? Have you prepared a list of family advisors on one page for them to contact? **2 Kings 20:1**, “...Thus says the Lord, ‘Set your house in order, for you shall die...’”
2. Have you adequately protected your family from these three financial risks: death before seventy years old, living past ninety years old and/or a disability? **1 Timothy 5:8**, “**But if anyone does not provide for his relatives, and especially for members of his household, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.**”
3. What is your plan for paying off all debts including your home? **Romans 13:8**, “**Owe no one anything, except to love each other...**”
4. Are you striving to live out the call of Christ to be more frugal towards self and generous towards others each year? Do you maintain a household budget? **John 3:30**, “**He (Christ) must increase, I must decrease.**”
5. What is your plan to increase the percentage that you give to the work of Christ every year? Are you giving out of guilt or in response to the grace of God that has transformed your heart? **2 Corinthians 9:7**, “**Each one must give as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.**”
6. Are you saving on a regular basis for the goal of financial freedom- to be able to free up more time to serve Christ in creative ways? Do you save in order to help others in times of need? **Proverbs 21:5**, “**The plans of the diligent lead surely to abundance, but everyone who is hasty comes only to poverty.**”
7. Are you a wise investor? Do you invest with patience and discipline? Do you have a plan for investing to combat the two risks- principal and inflation- that every investor faces? **Ecclesiastes 11:2**, “**Give a portion to seven, or even to eight, for you know not what disaster may happen on earth.**”
8. Are you encouraging/modeling strategic living free from the love of possessions? **Luke 12:15**, “**Take care and be on your guard against all covetousness for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions.**”



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*“From everyone who has been given much, much will be demanded.” Luke 12:48*