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Taking Stock: How to Move from Weary to Wise "If Money Actually Talked" (Part 2) Pastor Tom Lundeen | May 4, 2025

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Why do we Americans save so little? We live for _____.

To develop the _____ of saving we have to learn:

- To live on _____.
- _____ (note **Philippians 4:10-13**).

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(note **Philippians 4:19**).

Biblical reasons for saving:

- _____ (helps us to not impulse buy, note **Proverbs 21:20**).
- Helps us _____ others when in need.
- Principle of _____.

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(Warren)

The answer = _____ = planned spending.

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No matter how wealthy I've become, I'm not financially _____ until I've learned to give. Root word for *miserable* = _____.

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Note **Matthew 6:19-21**

How do we store up treasure in heaven? Investing in what's _____.

Only 2 things last forever = God's Word and _____.

Everything we give on this side of eternity is being _____ to our heavenly account.

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DISCUSSION GUIDE

- Icebreaker -

In your opinion, what is the best piece of music ever written?

1. Saving, Pastor Tom said, is a recommended Biblical means of amassing wealth, yet Americans lag far behind many other nations in savings rates, averaging a mere 4%. (Read **Proverbs 21:20**) How much do you plan your savings and how do you resist the cultural norm to spend as soon as (or even before) you have the money?
2. Sometimes we save to ensure our personal security, yet **Philippians 4:19** reminds us that God is our ultimate security. Are there dangers in saving for the wrong reasons and if so, what are they and do you avoid them?
3. Read **Proverbs 12:27**, **14:23** and **John 5:17**. How similar is your attitude toward work to God's and how do you see the relationship between work and wealth?
4. Unplanned spending is the enemy of wealth, but a friend of poverty. Do you abide by a rigorous spending plan (budget) as Pastor Tom recommends? (Read **Proverbs 27:23**)
5. "No matter how wealthy I've become, I'm not financially free until I've learned to give" (**Matthew 6:19-21**, **2 Corinthians 9:6-11a**). What is your plan for storing up "treasures in heaven" and how consistent are you in carrying it out?

PERSONAL GUIDE

Day One: Mark 3; Psalm 120

Day Two: Numbers 3; Proverbs 27

Day Three: 2 Corinthians 10; 1 Kings 16

Day Four: Revelation 12; Lamentations 2

Day Five: Song of Songs 4; Acts 8

This Personal Guide has been adapted from Professor Grant Horner's Bible Reading System.

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