

God's Financial Laws of Elimination February 13-14, 2021

Preparation takes Elimination – I Must:

EL #1 = Eliminate the <u>temptation</u> to <u>spend</u> money I don't have.

Colossians 3:5b (TPT)

...Live as one who died to diseases, and desires for forbidden things, including the desire for wealth which is the essence of idol worship.

Psalm 24:1 (CEV)

The earth and everything on it belong to the LORD. The world and its people belong to him.

Proverbs 22:7 (TEV)

Poor people are slaves of the rich. Borrow money and you are the lender's slave.

EL #2 = Eliminate the belief that I need money to be happy.

Ecclesiastes 5:10 (LB)

He who loves money shall never have enough. The foolishness of thinking that wealth brings happiness!

EL #3 = Eliminate the <u>stress</u> of trying to protect my money.

Proverbs 13:8 (TEV)

The rich have to use their money to save their lives, but no one threatens the poor.

EL #4 = Eliminate the burden of <u>loaning</u> money.

Psalm 15:5 (NLT)

Those who lend money without charging interest, and who cannot be bribed to lie about the innocent. Such people will stand firm forever.

Luke 6:34-35 (TPT)

"If you lend money only to those you know will repay you, what credit is that to your character? Even those who don't know God do that. But love your enemies and continue to treat them well. When you lend money, don't despair if you are never paid back, for it is not lost. You will receive a rich reward and you will be known as true children of the Most High God, having his same nature. For your Father is famous for his kindness to heal even the thankless and cruel."

EL #5 = Eliminate the <u>allure</u> of being financially independent.

Psalm 119:14 (MSG)

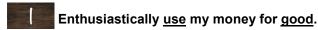
I delight far more in what you tell me about living than in gathering a pile of riches.

The key attitude to these 5 laws is the <u>Law</u> of the <u>Harvest</u>.

2 Corinthians 9:6 (NIV)

Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously.

After I eliminate, what should I add?



2 Corinthians 9:1-2 (NLT)

I really don't need to write to you about this ministry of giving for the believers in Jerusalem. For I know how eager you are to help, and I have been boasting to the churches in Macedonia that you in Greece were ready to send an offering a year ago. In fact, it was your enthusiasm that stirred up many of the Macedonian believers to begin giving.

Faithfully <u>fulfil</u> all my financial <u>commitments</u>.

2 Corinthians 9:4-5 (NLT)

We would be embarrassed—not to mention your own embarrassment—if some Macedonian believers came with me and found that you weren't ready after all I had told them! So I thought I should send these brothers ahead of me to make sure the gift you promised is ready. But I want it to be a willing gift, not one given grudgingly.

Consistently set an amount to give first to the Lord.

2 Corinthians 9:7 (NLT)

You must each decide in your heart how much to give. And don't give reluctantly or in response to pressure. "For God loves a person who gives cheerfully."

Confidently proclaim that the <u>Lord</u> will meet all my <u>needs</u>.

2 Corinthians 9:8-9 (NLT)

And God will generously provide all you need. Then you will always have everything you need and plenty left over to share with others. As the Scriptures say, "They share freely and give generously to the poor. Their good deeds will be remembered forever."

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Humbly anticipate more opportunities and more <u>finances</u> to give.

2 Corinthians 9:10-11 (NLT)

For God is the one who provides seed for the farmer and then bread to eat. In the same way, he will provide and increase your resources and then produce a great harvest of generosity in you. Yes, you will be enriched in every way so that you can always be generous. And when we take your gifts to those who need them, they will thank God.

Two areas where I can follow through:

The spiritual, emotional and physical needs in my church.

2 Corinthians 9:12 (NLT)

So two good things will result from this ministry of giving—the needs of the believers in Jerusalem will be met, and they will joyfully express their thanks to God.

• The advancement of the <u>clear gospel</u> message.

2 Corinthians 9:13-15 (NLT)

As a result of your ministry, they will give glory to God. For your generosity to them and to all believers will prove that you are obedient to the Good News of Christ. And they will pray for you with deep affection because of the overflowing grace God has given to you. Thank God for this gift too wonderful for words!

Memory Verse for February, 2021

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