

FINANCES!
Stretched Thin
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“Invest what you have in several different places, because you don't know what disasters might happen.” Eccl. 11:2

Six Pandemic-Proof Financial Principles

- ✓ **The principle of provision – God is source.**

“Always remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you the ability TO PRODUCE WEALTH.” Deut. 8:18 (NIV)

- ✓ **The principle of work– It is an issue of character.**

Loafers say, "It's dangerous out there! Tigers are prowling the streets!" & then pull the covers back over their heads. Just as a door turns on its hinges, so lazybones turn back over in bed. Prov. 26:13-14 (MSG)

Hard work always pays off; mere talk puts no bread on the table. Prov. 14:23 (MSG)

“If a man won't work, he shouldn't eat.” 2 Thes. 3:10

- ✓ **The principle of the first– The first has the power to bless the rest**

“In all your ways acknowledge him...Honor the LORD with your wealth, with the firstfruits of all your crops; then your barns will be filled to overflowing, and your vats will brim over.” Proverbs 3:6-10

“A tithe of everything from the land, whether grain from the soil or fruit from the trees, belongs to the LORD; it is holy to the LORD.” Leviticus 27:30“

The purpose of tithing is to teach you to always put God in first place in your life.” Deuteronomy 14:23 (LB)

- ✓ **The principle of saving – The 10-10-80 plan still works.**

“The wise man saves for the future, but the foolish man spends whatever he gets. Prov. 21:20 (TLB)

“Go study little ants. They store up food in the summer so when the winter comes, they’ll be well taken care of.”

Proverbs 6:6

- Five super practical, super clear things you can do with your money during this pandemic from Dave Ramsey.

1. Do not panic.
2. Get on a budget.
3. Focus on your four walls.
4. Cut out all unnecessary expenses.
5. If you have lost income, stockpile cash.

✓ **The principle of budgeting– tell your money where to go.**

“Riches can disappear fast. So, watch your business interests closely. Know the state of your flocks and herds.”

Proverbs 27:23-24 (TLB)

“Plan carefully and you will have plenty. If you act too quickly, you will never have enough.” Proverbs 21:5 (TLB)

- Getting your finances back on track after quarantine

1. Reassess your current situation.
2. Revisit your monthly budget.
3. Get back on the baby steps.

Financial Peace Lifegroup begins Sunday, Sept 13

4. Keep a lot of cash on hand (just in case).
5. Make a plan for action items you put off.

✓ **COMMIT IT ALL TO GOD!**

“Commit your work to the Lord, and then your plans will succeed.” Pr. 16:3 (NLT)