

MORE THAN \geq ~~NOT~~ Enough

More Means Less

January 11 & 12, 2025

I Have More with Less When I:

1. _____ to spend
what I don't have.

Colossians 3:5b (NLT)

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Psalms 24:1 (CEV)

The earth and everything on it, including its people, belong to the Lord. The world and its people belong to him.

Proverbs 22:7 (TPT)

If you borrow money with interest, you'll end up serving the interests of your creditors, for the rich rule over the poor.

2. _____ that money will make
me happy.

Ecclesiastes 5:10 (LB)

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

3. _____ of trying to protect and
preserve my material wealth.

Proverbs 13:8 (TEV)

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

Matthew 6:25 (TPT)

This is why I tell you to never be worried about your life, for all that you need will be provided, such as food, water, clothing—everything your body needs. Isn't there more to your life than a meal? Isn't your body more than clothing?

4. _____ money but instead give it away.

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. Rather 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. Be like your Father who is famous for his kindness to heal even the thankless and cruel.”

5. _____ of financial independence.

Psalm 119:14 (MSG)

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

Luke 12:15 (TPT)

Speaking to the people, Jesus continued, “Be alert and guard your heart from greed and from always wishing for what you don’t have. For your life can never be measured by the amount of things you possess.”

The key to these principles is living out the _____ of the _____.

2 Corinthians 9:6 (TPT)

Here’s my point. A stingy sower will reap a meager harvest, but the one who sows from a generous spirit will reap an abundant harvest.

How to Live Like Less is More:

1 _____ my money and resources for good.

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.

2 _____ all my financial commitments.

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.

Luke 16:11 (NIV)

So if you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches?

3 _____ the Lord a determined amount faithfully and cheerfully.

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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."

4 _____ God will meet all my needs.

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."

Philippians 4:19 (GNT)

And with all his abundant wealth through Christ Jesus, my God will supply all your needs.

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