



The 5 Habits of Financial Freedom in 2020  
February 29—March 1, 2020

### The Biggest Financial Fears of Each Living Generation:

- Boomers don't want to run out of money before they die = retirement.
- Gen Xers worry about losing their job and not being able to vacation = reasonable comfort.
- Millennials want to own a home and pay off insane debts = freedom.
- Gen Zs worry about spending, saving, giving and living in general = security.

### God's 5 Habits for Financial Freedom in 2020

#### 2 Corinthians 8:9 (TPT)

For you have experienced the extravagant grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that although he was infinitely rich, he impoverished himself for our sake, so that by his poverty, we could become rich beyond measure

**Habit # 1. Know my financial condition and start keeping good records.**

#### 2 Corinthians 8:1-2 (TPT)

Beloved ones, we must tell you about the grace God poured out upon the churches of Macedonia. For even during a season of severe difficulty and tremendous suffering, they became even more filled with joy. From the depths of their extreme poverty, super-abundant joy overflowed into an act of extravagant generosity.

#### Proverbs 27:23-24 (LB)

Riches can disappear fast. And the king's crown doesn't stay in his family forever—so watch your business interests closely. Know the state of your flocks and your herds;

#### Proverbs 23:23 (LB)

Get the facts at any price, and hold on tightly to all the good sense you can get.

**Habit #2. Plan my spending, giving and saving wisely.**

#### 2 Corinthians 8:3-5 (TPT)

For I can verify that they spontaneously gave, not only according to their means but far beyond what they could afford. They actually begged us for the privilege of sharing in this ministry of giving to God's holy people who are living in poverty. They exceeded our expectations by first dedicating themselves fully to the Lord and then to us, according to God's pleasure.

#### Proverbs 21:5 (GN)

Plan carefully and you will have plenty; if you act too quickly, you will never have enough.

#### Proverbs 21:20b (GN)

... but stupid people spend their money as fast as they get it.

**Habit #3. Save consistently and follow-through with my commitments.**

#### 2 Corinthians 8:6 (TPT)

That is why we appealed to Titus, since he was the one who got you started and encouraged you to give, so he could help you complete this generous undertaking on your behalf.

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The wise man saves for the future,

#### Proverbs 13:11 (NCV)

Money that comes easily disappears quickly, but money that is gathered little by little will grow.

**Habit #4. Return a consistent percentage to God before I spend any of my money.**

#### 2 Corinthians 8:7 (TPT)

You do well and excel in every respect—in unstoppable faith, in powerful preaching, in revelation knowledge, in your passionate devotion, and in sharing the love we have shown to you. So make sure that you also excel in grace-filled generosity.

#### 1 Corinthians 16:2 (LB)

On every Lord's Day each of you should put aside something from what you have earned during the week, and use it for this offering. The amount depends on how much the Lord has helped you earn. Don't wait until I get there and then try to collect it all at once.

#### 2 Corinthians 9:6-8 (NIV)

Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.

**Habit #5. Enjoy what I already have and learn to be content.**

**2 Corinthians 8:10-14 (TPT)**

So here are my thoughts concerning this matter, and it's in your best interests. Since you made such a good start last year, both in the grace of giving and in your longing to give, you should finish what you started. You were so eager in your intentions to give, so go do it. Finish this act of worship according to your ability to give. For if the intention and desire are there, the size of the gift doesn't matter. Your gift is fully acceptable to God according to what you have, not what you don't have. I'm not saying this in order to ease someone else's load by overloading you, but as a matter of fair balance. Your surplus could meet their need, and their abundance may one day meet your need. This equal sharing of abundance will mean a fair balance.

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