Your Money Or Your Life!

Beyond the Bottom Line
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What Does Money Represent?

Money = Time + Talent

Time = Equal Opportunity

Talent = Variable

Money = Stored Up Time and Talent
What Is Life?

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Money = Life

Money = Stored Up Life

What is work?

What is shopping?
Luke 12:15, NRSV

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Life = Money? Really?

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Key term = “abundance”

It’s about quality not quantity

Parents of jailed boy

“We gave you everything!”
Implications

Stealing
Gambling
Wasting People’s Time
Cheat on income tax
Tithe and Sabbath
Overtime, mother

Key = Know why you are doing it
Freedom and Slavery

Prov 22:7, ESV
The borrower is the slave of the lender.

Debt = Promise of future life

When is debt appropriate?
Freedom from Worry

Matt 6:25-26, ESV

Do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, . . .

26 Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them.

Trust in God

3-6 months

IRS letter ($76)
1 Cor 6:9-10, NIV

People who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge men into ruin and destruction. 10 For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.

Wolman
Freedom from the Cares of The World

Mark 4:19, ESV

The cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches and the desires for other things enter in and choke the word, and it proves unfruitful.
1 Tim 6:6-8, NASB

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Food, clothing, shelter

More than this = luxury
Enemies of Contentment

Debt often lack of contentment

Advertising

Desire what you don’t have

Inadequacy of what you do have
I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. 12 I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. 13 I can do all things through him who strengthens me.
Combating Discontent

Phil 4:4-8, ESV

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Joy and thankfulness
Positive attitude
Balancing expectations
Combating Discontent

Luke 6:38, ESV
Give and it will be given to you. . .

Worth
God identifies with the poor
The Cost of Living

Cost of Living = What you make + 10%

Remedy = What you make – 10%

10-20-70
The End