



Introduction: Is the immoral use of money and material things a “\_\_\_\_\_” issue?” Read the following passages and determine the answer for yourself (Exodus 20:17; Matthew 6:19-21, 24; 25; 1 Corinthians 6:9-10; Luke 12:15). As we sit down at the bills desk in our homes and pay bills and budget our finances consider some of what the Bible has to say to correct our thinking and our habits with The Family and Its Finances.

I. Financial Foundations: Understanding \_\_\_\_\_

A. A “\_\_\_\_\_” is a trustee, manager, treasurer of God’s blessings (Genesis 2:15; Luke 16:12-13).

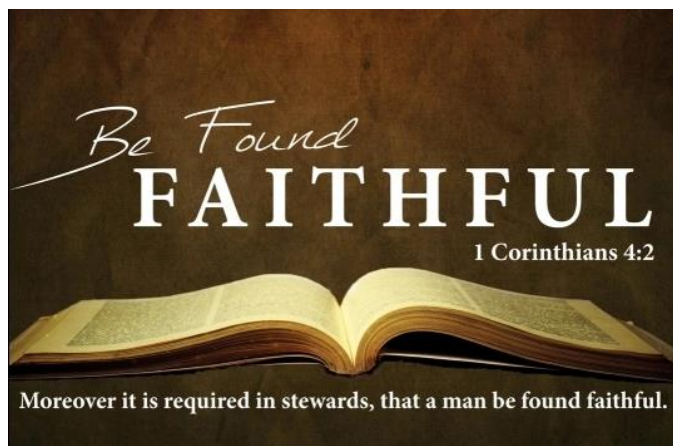
B. Matthew 25:14-30’s Parable of the Talents presents five principles of stewardship which will help us overcome materialism.

1. Principle #1: \_\_\_\_\_  
Owns It \_\_\_\_\_ (25:14)

2. Principle #2: God  
expects \_\_\_\_\_  
(25:21; Luke 16:11-12)

3. Principle #3: The  
\_\_\_\_\_ He entrusts  
to us is irrelevant (25:21,  
23)

4. Principle #4: With  
\_\_\_\_\_ come responsibility/ \_\_\_\_\_ (Matthew 25:24-30)





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## II. 10 Commandments of Financial Morality

A. Thou shalt \_\_\_\_\_ to provide for thy family and pay thy \_\_\_\_\_ (1 Timothy 5:8, 16; 2 Thessalonians 3:6-12; Romans 13:7-8).

B. Thou shalt honor \_\_\_\_\_ with your \_\_\_\_\_ (Proverbs 3:9-10; Matthew 6:33; 1 Corinthians 16:1-2).

C. Thou shalt \_\_\_\_\_ within thy \_\_\_\_\_ (Proverbs 22:7; 1 Timothy 6:6-10).

D. Thou shalt diligently \_\_\_\_\_ to use thy \_\_\_\_\_ wisely (Proverbs 21:5; Luke 14:28-30).

E. Thou shalt not take advantage of thy \_\_\_\_\_ (Nehemiah 5:14-15; Matthew 23:14).

F. Thou shalt \_\_\_\_\_ for the unexpected (Gen 41:33-36; Prov 22:3; 6:6-11; Acts 11:27-30).

G. Thou shalt be \_\_\_\_\_ to the less fortunate (Proverbs 19:17; James 1:26-27).

H. Thou shalt not \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ for someone else's \_\_\_\_\_ (Proverbs 17:18).

I. Thou shalt make godly plans for what will happen to your possessions when you \_\_\_\_\_ (Proverbs 13:22; Hebrews 9:15-17).

J. Thou shalt not \_\_\_\_\_ but live with \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ (Exodus 20:17; 1 Corinthians 6:9-10; Galatians 5:22-23).

Conclusion: How we handle our money is a God-given \_\_\_\_\_ of our faith (Malachi 3:10; 2 Corinthians 8:8).

Jesus has questions:

Luke 16:11, "If then you have not been faithful in the unrighteous wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches?"

Mark 8:36, "For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world and lose his own soul?"

Additional Notes: \_\_\_\_\_