

## **B. Save**

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“You lazy fool, look at an ant. Watch it closely; let it teach you a thing or two. Nobody has to tell it what to do. All summer it stores up food; at harvest it stockpiles provisions.”

Proverbs 6:6-8 (Msg)

“The wise man saves for the future, but the foolish man spends whatever he gets.”

Proverbs 21:20 (TLB)

## **C. Invite God In**

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“Ever since the time of your ancestors you have turned away from my decrees and have not kept them. Return to me, and I will return to you, says the Lord Almighty. But you ask, ‘How are we to return?’ Will a mere mortal rob God? Yet you rob me. But you ask, ‘How are we robbing you?’ In tithes and offerings. You are under a curse - your whole nation - because you are robbing me. Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this, says the Lord Almighty, and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it. I will prevent pests from devouring your crops, and the vines in your fields will not drop their fruit before it is ripe, says the Lord Almighty.”

Malachi 3:7-11 (NIV)

## **Five Key Words**

### **1. Tithe**

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“The purpose of tithing is to teach you always to put God first in your lives.”

Deuteronomy 14:23 (TLB)

### **2. Offering**

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### **3. Storehouse**

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“Don’t misunderstand why I have come. I did not come to abolish the law of Moses or the writings of the prophets. No, I came to accomplish their purpose.”

Matthew 5:17 (NLT)

“What sorrow awaits you Pharisees! For you are careful to tithe even the tiniest income from your herb gardens, but you ignore justice and the love of God. You should tithe, yes, but do not neglect the more important things.”

Luke 11:42 (NLT)

## **4. Curse**

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## **5. Blessing**

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“I will prevent pests from devouring your crops, and the vines in your fields will not drop their fruit before it is ripe, says the Lord Almighty.”

Malachi 3:11 (NIV)

“So don’t worry about these things, saying, ‘What will we eat? What will we drink? What will we wear?’ These things dominate the thoughts of unbelievers, but your heavenly Father already knows all your needs. Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need.”

Matthew 6:31-33 (NLT)

**OUR MONEY**  
**Handle With Care – Part 1**  
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**PRINCIPLES FOR HANDLING MONEY WITH CARE**

**A. Work**

“How long are you going to laze around doing nothing? How long before you get out of bed? A nap here, a nap there, a day off here, a day off there, sit back, take it easy - do you know what comes next? Just this: You can look forward to a dirt-poor life, poverty your permanent houseguest!” Proverbs 6:9-11 (Msg)

“Lazy people are soon poor; hard workers get rich.”  
Proverbs 10:4 (NLT)

“Hard work always pays off; mere talk puts no bread on the table.”

Proverbs 14:23 (Msg)

“Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as though you were working for the Lord and not for people.”

Colossians 3:23 (GNT)

**Three Questions For Us**

**1. Are We Working?**

**2. Are We Working With All Our Heart?**

**3. Are We Working As For God?**