



## Wisdom Nuggets: Honor the Lord with Your Wealth Handout

### **MONEY TIPS:**

1. Coffee, soda, and ice cream habits can run up high tabs. If you spend \$1.50 every day on a soft drink, you'll have spent \$45 by the end of the month. If you save that amount every day, in one year you will have \$540! (By the way, buying sodas in bulk at the grocery store is much cheaper.)
2. Stay away from credit cards; you'll never regret not having one – even for “emergencies.” (Remember, **Proverbs 22:7** says the borrower is a servant to the lender.)
3. Don't blow your money as soon as you get it, but do set some aside for something fun. God doesn't want you either to hoard or to waste your money; He likes balance.
4. Look for deals instead of paying full price. Consider your reasons for purchases. Do you need that jacket because it's the coolest brand, or do you need a jacket (maybe a less expensive, more sensible one) to stay warm?
5. Set a spending limit anytime you go out. If you know you blow money every time you “window shop” at the mall, be disciplined enough to stay home.
6. Be thankful for – and content with – the things you have.
7. Check out what the Bible says about
  - giving in proportion to what you have...**Deuteronomy 16:17.**
  - honoring God with your wealth...**Proverbs 3:9.**
  - how laziness leads to poverty...**Proverbs 10:4.**
  - dishonest money...**Proverbs 13:11.**
  - wearing yourself out to get rich...**Proverbs 23:4.**
  - get-rich-quick schemes...**Proverbs 28:20.**
  - giving to the poor...**Proverbs 28:27.**
  - being blessed by tithing...**Malachi 3:8-10.**
  - giving with pure motives...**Matthew 6:1.**
  - how it is more blessed to give than to receive...**Acts 20:35.**
  - how God loves a cheerful giver...**II Corinthians 9:7.**