

**GUARD YOUR HEART ABOVE ALL ELSE,
FOR IT DETERMINES THE COURSE OF YOUR LIFE.**

—PROVERBS 4:23 (NLT)

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“A SURPRISINGLY LARGE AMOUNT OF SCRIPTURE SPEAKS TO THE USE OF WEALTH AND POSSESSIONS. IF WE IGNORE IT OR TAKE IT LIGHTLY, OUR ‘GODLINESS’ WILL BE A FRAUD. BUT AS MUCH AS ANYTHING ELSE, THE REASON OUR USE OF MONEY AND THE THINGS IT BUYS INDICATES OUR SPIRITUAL MATURITY AND GODLINESS IS THAT WE EXCHANGE SUCH A GREAT PART OF OUR LIVES FOR IT. BECAUSE WE INVEST MOST OF OUR DAYS WORKING IN EXCHANGE FOR MONEY, IN A VERY REAL SENSE OUR MONEY REPRESENTS US. THEREFORE, HOW WE USE IT REVEALS WHO WE ARE, FOR IT MANIFESTS OUR PRIORITIES, OUR VALUES AND OUR HEART.” —DONALD WHITNEY

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¹FRET NOT YOURSELF BECAUSE OF EVILDOERS; BE NOT ENVIOUS OF WRONGDOERS! ²FOR THEY WILL SOON FADE LIKE THE GRASS AND WITHER LIKE THE GREEN HERB. ³TRUST IN THE LORD, AND DO GOOD; DWELL IN THE LAND AND BEFRIEND FAITHFULNESS. ⁴DELIGHT YOURSELF IN THE LORD, AND HE WILL GIVE YOU THE DESIRES OF YOUR HEART. ⁵COMMIT YOUR WAY TO THE LORD; TRUST IN HIM, AND HE WILL ACT. ⁶HE WILL BRING FORTH YOUR RIGHTEOUSNESS AS THE LIGHT, AND YOUR JUSTICE AS THE NOONDAY. ⁷BE STILL BEFORE THE LORD AND WAIT PATIENTLY FOR HIM; FRET NOT YOURSELF OVER THE ONE WHO PROSPERS IN HIS WAY, OVER THE MAN WHO CARRIES OUT EVIL DEVICES! ⁸REFRAIN FROM ANGER, AND FORSAKE WRATH! FRET NOT YOURSELF; IT TENDS ONLY TO EVIL... ²⁵I HAVE BEEN YOUNG, AND NOW AM OLD, YET I HAVE NOT SEEN THE RIGHTEOUS FORSAKEN OR HIS CHILDREN BEGGING FOR BREAD. ²⁶HE IS EVER LENDING GENEROUSLY, AND HIS CHILDREN BECOME A BLESSING.

—PSALM 37:1-8, 25-26

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**I. A FORMULA FOR FREEDOM FROM CARE
(PSALM 37:1-8)**

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FREEDOM FROM CARE

- TRUST IN THE LORD AND DO GOOD (PSALM 37:3)
- DELIGHT YOURSELF IN THE LORD (PSALM 37:4)
- COMMIT YOUR WAY TO THE LORD (PSALM 37:5)
- BE STILL AND WAIT (PS. 37:7)
- REFRAIN FROM ANGER AND FORSAKE WRATH; FRET NOT YOURSELF, IT ONLY TENDS TO EVIL (PSALM 37:8)

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**9FOR THE EVILDOERS SHALL BE CUT OFF,
BUT THOSE WHO WAIT FOR THE LORD SHALL
INHERIT THE LAND. 10IN JUST A LITTLE WHILE,
THE WICKED WILL BE NO MORE;
THOUGH YOU LOOK CAREFULLY AT HIS PLACE,
HE WILL NOT BE THERE. 11BUT THE MEEK
SHALL INHERIT THE LAND AND
DELIGHT THEMSELVES IN ABUNDANT PEACE.
—PSALM 37:9-11**

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**“NEVER LET THE THINGS MONEY CAN BUY
ROB YOU OF THE THINGS MONEY CAN’T BUY.”
—ADRIAN ROGERS**

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**2. A PROMISE TO THOSE WHO
WILLINGLY SHARE**

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**¹⁶BETTER IS THE LITTLE THAT THE RIGHTEOUS HAS
 THAN THE ABUNDANCE OF MANY WICKED.
¹⁷FOR THE ARMS OF THE WICKED SHALL BE BROKEN,
 BUT THE LORD UPHOLDS THE RIGHTEOUS...
²¹THE WICKED BORROWS BUT DOES NOT PAY BACK,
 BUT THE RIGHTEOUS IS GENEROUS AND GIVES;
²²FOR THOSE BLESSED BY THE LORD SHALL INHERIT
 THE LAND, BUT THOSE CURSED BY HIM SHALL BE CUT OFF.
²³THE STEPS OF A MAN ARE ESTABLISHED BY THE LORD,
 WHEN HE DELIGHTS IN HIS WAY; ²⁴THOUGH HE FALL,
 HE SHALL NOT BE CAST HEADLONG, FOR THE LORD
 UPHOLDS HIS HAND. —PSALM 37:16-17, 21-24**

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**“OUR SECURITY IS NOT IN OUR SALARY OR OUR SAVINGS
 BUT IN THE SOURCE OF ALL OF OUR SUPPLY—GOD.”**

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**⁸WILL MAN ROB GOD? YET YOU ARE ROBBING ME.
 BUT YOU SAY, ‘HOW HAVE WE ROBBED YOU?’ IN YOUR
 TITHES AND CONTRIBUTIONS. ⁹YOU ARE CURSED
 WITH A CURSE, FOR YOU ARE ROBBING ME,
 THE WHOLE NATION OF YOU. ¹⁰BRING THE FULL TITHE
 INTO THE STOREHOUSE, THAT THERE MAY BE FOOD
 IN MY HOUSE. AND THEREBY PUT ME TO THE TEST,
 SAYS THE LORD OF HOSTS, IF I WILL NOT OPEN THE
 WINDOWS OF HEAVEN FOR YOU AND POUR DOWN
 FOR YOU A BLESSING UNTIL THERE IS NO MORE NEED.
 —MALACHI 3:8-10**

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 BUT DOES NOT PAY BACK,
 BUT THE RIGHTEOUS
 IS GENEROUS AND GIVES;
²²FOR THOSE BLESSED
 BY THE LORD SHALL
 INHERIT THE LAND,
 BUT THOSE CURSED BY
 HIM SHALL BE CUT OFF.
 —PSALM 37:21-22**

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**“GOD DOESN’T BLESS US JUST TO MAKE US HAPPY;
HE BLESSES US TO MAKE US A BLESSING.”**

—WARREN WIERSBE

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3. A CHALLENGE FOR THOSE WHO DARE

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**²³THE STEPS OF A MAN ARE
ESTABLISHED BY THE LORD,
WHEN HE DELIGHTS IN HIS
WAY; ²⁴THOUGH HE FALL,
HE SHALL NOT BE CAST
HEADLONG, FOR THE LORD
UPHOLDS HIS HAND.**

**²⁵I HAVE BEEN YOUNG, AND
NOW AM OLD, YET I HAVE
NOT SEEN THE RIGHTEOUS
FORSAKEN OR HIS CHILDREN
BEGGING FOR BREAD. ²⁶HE IS
EVER LENDING GENEROUSLY,
AND HIS CHILDREN BECOME
A BLESSING. —PSALM 37:23-26**

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**⁵IT IS WELL WITH THE MAN
WHO DEALS GENEROUSLY
AND LENDS; WHO CONDUCTS
HIS AFFAIRS WITH JUSTICE.
⁶FOR THE RIGHTEOUS WILL
NEVER BE MOVED; HE WILL BE
REMEMBERED FOREVER. ⁷HE IS
NOT AFRAID OF BAD NEWS;
HIS HEART IS FIRM,
TRUSTING IN THE LORD...
⁹HE HAS DISTRIBUTED FREELY;
HE HAS GIVEN TO THE POOR;
HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS ENDURES
FOREVER; HIS HORN IS EXALTED
IN HONOR. —PSALM 112:5-7, 9**

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6THE POINT IS THIS: WHOEVER SOWS SPARINGLY WILL ALSO REAP SPARINGLY, AND WHOEVER SOWS BOUNTIFULLY WILL ALSO REAP BOUNTIFULLY. 7EACH ONE MUST GIVE AS HE HAS DECIDED IN HIS HEART, NOT RELUCTANTLY OR UNDER COMPULSION, FOR GOD LOVES A CHEERFUL GIVER. 8AND GOD IS ABLE TO MAKE ALL GRACE ABOUND TO YOU, SO THAT HAVING ALL SUFFICIENCY IN ALL THINGS AT ALL TIMES, YOU MAY ABOUND IN EVERY GOOD WORK. 9AS IT IS WRITTEN, “HE HAS DISTRIBUTED FREELY, HE HAS GIVEN TO THE POOR; HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS ENDURES FOREVER.”
 —2 CORINTHIANS 9:6-9

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**THREE SPECIFIC GIVING PORTALS AND PRACTICES:
 (1) BUDGET SUPPORT**

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“ARE YOU GIVING SYSTEMATICALLY TO THE LORD’S WORK, OR ARE YOU LEAVING IT TO FEELING, TO IMPRESSION MADE ON YOU THROUGH PARTICULAR CIRCUMSTANCES OR THROUGH STRIKING APPEALS? IF WE DO NOT GIVE FROM PRINCIPLE SYSTEMATICALLY, WE SHALL FIND THAT OUR ONE BRIEF LIFE IS GONE BEFORE WE ARE AWARE OF IT, AND THAT, IN RETURN, WE HAVE DONE LITTLE FOR THAT ADORABLE ONE WHO BOUGHT US WITH HIS PRECIOUS BLOOD, AND TO WHOM BELONGS ALL WE HAVE AND ARE.” —GEORGE MULLER

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**THREE SPECIFIC GIVING PORTALS AND PRACTICES:
 (2) SPECIAL OFFERINGS**

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THREE SPECIFIC GIVING PORTALS AND PRACTICES:
(3) LEGACY GIFTS
 (WARREN LIFE FOUNDATION)

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 BUT THE RIGHTEOUS IS
 GENEROUS AND GIVES...
²⁶HE IS EVER LENDING
 GENEROUSLY, AND
 HIS CHILDREN BECOME
 A BLESSING...
³⁴WAIT FOR THE LORD AND
 KEEP HIS WAY, AND HE WILL
 EXALT YOU TO INHERIT
 THE LAND; YOU WILL
 LOOK ON WHEN THE
 WICKED ARE CUT OFF.
 —PSALM 37:21, 26, 34

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⁸FOR BY GRACE
 YOU HAVE BEEN SAVED
 THROUGH FAITH.
 AND THIS IS NOT
 YOUR OWN DOING;
 IT IS THE GIFT OF GOD,
⁹NOT A RESULT OF
 WORKS, SO THAT
 NO ONE MAY BOAST.
 —EPHESIANS 2:8-9

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GOD'S RICHES AT CHRIST'S EXPENSE + I TRUST HIM = LIFE + PEACE

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