

## THRIVE – The Financial Ten Commandments

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**Matthew 6:19-21 (NLT)** “Don’t store up treasures here on earth, where moths eat them and rust destroys them, and where thieves break in and steal. **20** Store your treasures in heaven, where moths and rust cannot destroy, and thieves do not break in and steal. **21** Wherever your treasure is, there the desires of your heart will also be.

### Three lies about money:

- **Things** bring happiness.
- There are no consequences for **debt**.
- A little more **money** would solve my problem.

**1 Timothy 6:6-10 (NIV)** But godliness with contentment is great gain. **7** For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. **8** But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that. **9** Those who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge people 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.

### The Financial Ten Commandments

**1. Thou shalt work hard. Colossians 3:23**

You can work for money, or you can work for the Lord.

**2. Thou shalt establish a plan. Proverbs 29:18**

Put “Mr. Budget” in charge.

**3. Thou shalt avoid debt like the plague. Proverbs 22:26-27**

It takes over every aspect of your life.

**4. Thou shalt distinguish between wants and needs.  
Philippians 4:11-13**

Contentment comes from God, not from things.

**5. Thou shalt develop a lifestyle of giving.  
2 Corinthians 9:6-13**

Tithing is like training wheels for becoming a generous giver.

**6. Thou shalt not try “get rich quick” schemes.  
Proverbs 28:19-20**

God rewards faithfulness and diligence, not laziness and opportunism.

**7. Thou shalt not keep up with the Joneses.  
Exodus 20:17**

“Measure wealth not by the things you have, but by the things you have for which you would not take money.”

**8. Thou shalt not make major financial decisions without getting wise counsel first. Proverbs 15:22**

Ask for help before the crisis comes.

**9. Thou shalt not corrupt your kids with money.  
Psalm 37: 25-26**

Include your kids in your struggle of faith and let them see God’s victory and provision.

**10. Thou shalt not orient your whole life around money.  
Matthew 6:24-33**

Consistently move your treasure from here to heaven.