



Creating a New Line Item

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The Three Laws of Balance require that we need...

- 1) A Reference Point

We need to know where our money is going.

- 2) To make Constant Corrections

#1 – We need to get out of debt

- 3) A Clear Objective

To Honour God with Everything

Constant Correction #2:

Rethink how you are managing your ‘_____’

Luke 12:13-21, 33-34 NLT

¹³ Then someone called from the crowd, “Teacher, please tell my brother to divide our father’s estate with me.”

¹⁴ Jesus replied, “Friend, who made me a judge over you to decide such things as that?” ¹⁵ Then he said, “Beware! Guard against every kind of greed. **Life is not measured by how much you own.**”

¹⁶ Then he told them a story: “A rich man had a fertile farm that produced fine crops. ¹⁷ He said to himself, ‘What should I do? I don’t have room for all my crops.’ ¹⁸ Then he said, ‘I know! I’ll tear down my barns and build bigger ones. Then I’ll have room enough to store all my wheat and other goods. ¹⁹ And I’ll sit back and say to myself, “My friend, you have enough stored away for years to come. Now take it easy! Eat, drink, and be merry!”’

²⁰ “But God said to him, ‘You fool! You will die this very night. Then who will get everything you worked for?’

²¹ “Yes, a person is a fool to store up earthly wealth but not have a rich relationship with God....”

³³ “Sell your possessions and give to those in need. This will store up treasure for you in heaven! And the purses of heaven never get old or develop holes. Your treasure will be safe; no thief can steal it and no moth can destroy it. ³⁴ Wherever your treasure is, there the desires of your heart will also be.

Spiritual Practice to help us stay balanced where we don’t spend all of our extra on ourselves:

Make a commitment to _____ giving.

Total Giving Dollars: _____

Total Income Dollars: _____

Total Giving Percentage

(Total Giving \$ divided by Total income \$ = Total %): _____

Apprenticeship Prayer Partner Challenge

Discuss what has guided your decision-making regarding how you manage the ‘extra’ money you have – anything beyond the basic necessities of food, water and shelter.

How did you decide what standard of living you would choose to live by?

Have you ever pre-decided what percentage of your financial resources you would choose to bless others with?