“Financial $ense” Wed Jan 21, 2026

I. ***I Timothy 6:17-19***

A. Rich in this world…

1. Those who are rich with things…. “stuff”.
2. *“Tell those rich in this world’s wealth to quit being so full of themselves and so obsessed with money, which is here today and gone tomorrow.”*
3. The poor in the U.S. are wealthy compared to the world’s population, with incomes placing them far above the global average; however, the rising costs of necessities in the U.S. can leave millions struggling for basic needs, a crisis that feels like “third world” conditions for those experiencing it.

B. Don’t trust in uncertain riches

1. ***Mark 4:19*** – deceitfulness of riches (takes the place of “I AM” – I am the source of your supply; I am your ability to enjoy life; I AM Your god!”)
2. The Almighty God vs. The Almighty Dollar. – Remember the warnings:
   - ***Luke 12:15*** *“A man’s life does not consist in the things he possesses.”*
   - ***I Timothy 6:10*** “*The Love of Money is the root of all evil…”* (Love is the subject not money; if it was, we would all be in trouble. Remember when Jesus said, “How hard it is for a rich man to enter into heaven?” - Not one disciple said, AMEN! – “Who then can be saved?”

II. Laying the Foundation

A. Wealth and Riches – The Promise

1. ***Psalm 112:1-3*** *“Wealth and Riches shall be in your house.”*
2. ***Deuteronomy 28:2*** *“All of these blessings…”* / ***vs. 12*** – lend and not borrow.

B. Warnings before and now

1. Joseph interpreted a dream to reveal 7 years of prosperity and 7 years of famine.
2. ***Acts 11:27-30*** / We need to pay attention.

III. Financial Preparation

A. Know the System

1. Millions are spent on advertisement for you to do one thing: SPEND! (Think of all the restaurant rewards, the credit card rewards, the banking system….all bidding for your wallet.
2. The System can either work for you or against you / Money can be a tool or a shackle. ***(Proverbs 28:22).***

B. Simple $ense

- Ask the question: If there was a financial upheaval, how many months would your money in savings cover essential living expenses? (3-6 months).

- Living from paycheck to paycheck is never God’s best.

1. ***Be a Tither, Be a Giver.***
2. ***Find the Blessing Instead of Running After Money.***
3. ***You Cannot Spend What You Do Not Have (The Power of Diligence).***
    - ***Proverbs 10:4*** *“The hand of the diligent makes rich.”*
    - Separating your needs from your wants.
    - Be careful with the credit card trap. If you don’t pay it off every month, you should not have one! (Now, with processing/convenience fees, it would only make sense if you were spending 10,000.00 per month to benefit from rewards.)
    - Frugal is not the same as cheap (One makes smart long term, value driven choices to save money while the other always prioritize the lowest price at any cost which sacrifices quality and relationships. Being frugal is a thoughtful approach to maximizing value while being cheap is a fear based reaction to spending.
    - First priority – “Stop the Bleeding” – What is the definition of insanity?

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