

GIVE.SAVE.SPEND.

DEVOTIONAL

DEVOTIONAL #1: GIVE

Everything we have is not ours. Our toys, clothes, food, money - it's all God's. God commands us to give Him the *first* tenth of our money as a tithe, and to bring our tithe to the church. After we tithe, God wants us to be generous and help those who have needs greater than our own. We honor God with our money when we follow His commands and give cheerfully as He directs us.

READ

2 Corinthians 9:6-7

God doesn't want our money, He wants our hearts. When we are cheerful and generous with our money, we show God we love and trust Him.

God tells us to give a tenth (1 out of every 10) of our money to the church. If you made \$10 raking leaves for your neighbor, how much would you tithe to God? (A tenth would be \$1, so you would tithe \$1 to God.)

Being a cheerful giver doesn't mean we are just generous with our money. We can be generous with our time and our possessions, too. How can you be generous with what God has given you?

PRAY

Pray and thank God for giving you everything you have. Ask God to help you be a cheerful giver and give as He leads you.

DEVOTIONAL #2: SAVE

Many people aren't wise about saving money. They spend all they have and may even borrow money from others. But in the Bible, God says saving is a smart thing to do. When we save some of our money, we will have some when something comes up later - like to buy something we really want or need. Sometimes saving is hard, but it shows we are being wise with what God has given us.

READ

Proverbs 21:20.

This verse says a wise person stores food up so there is a supply for the future, but a foolish person eats all he has. What does this verse tell us about saving our money?

What are you saving money for? How do you save your money?

Why is saving money a wise thing to do? How can it help you?

PRAY

Pray you would honor God with how you handle your money. Pray God would help you have the wisdom to save money you receive.

DEVOTIONAL #3: SPEND

When you have earned money, given God what is His, and saved some for later, then you have money to spend! How we spend our money can honor God just as much as how we give and save our money. Is what you are spending money on reflecting what's important to you?

2 Corinthians 9:8 (NLT) says, "And God will generously provide all you need. Then you will always have everything you need and plenty left over to share with others."

When we follow God's commands by giving to Him first, God will provide for our needs. God wants us to spend our money to buy things we enjoy.

Do you think the way you spend your money is wise?

Does what you spend your money on reflect what is important to you?

What we spend our money on shouldn't become the most important thing in our lives.

How can you keep Jesus as the most important thing in your life?

