



# Managing Your Lifestyle

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and will use all means possible to get you to make the wrong choices.



*“Whoever trusts in his riches will fall...”*  
*Proverbs 11:28*

Read **Matthew 4:8-10** How did Satan try to tempt Jesus in the Desert?

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Do you think the devil has ever tried to tempt you to make wrong choices in your financial life? How does he usually do it? \_\_\_\_\_

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Read **Matthew 26:15** What was the temptation of Judas? \_\_\_\_\_

Read **John 6:70 and Luke 22:3** Who do you think was involved in the temptation of Judas? \_\_\_\_\_

Read **Matthew 4:4; 4:7; & 4:10** How did Jesus combat temptation by Satan?

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*He knew the Scriptures didn't He. He knew how to represent God and quoted the Scriptures back to Satan. You have the same power. Read Ephesians 6:13-18 and see for yourself that you do have the power to resist.*

Today's society tells us that we are to accumulate material wealth and should focus on building up a significant retirement account. How does this compare to Jesus' teachings on the subject. **Read Luke 12:15-21.**

What does Jesus instruct you to be on guard about? (vs 15) \_\_\_\_\_

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How does verse (19) compare with Americas idea of Retirement?

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What did God say about it? (vs20 &21) \_\_\_\_\_

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Read **Mark 10:17-27**: This is the story of the rich man and Jesus. Let's examine it more closely and compare it to where you might be today.

In verse (17) The rich man **ran** up to Jesus and **knelt** before him. What was the rich man asking for? \_\_\_\_\_

In verse (18) the rich man and Jesus knew that Jesus was God. The rich man had been good all of his life and had kept the Ten commandments, Read verse (21) How did Jesus feel about the rich man?

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What was one thing that the rich man was lacking in Jesus eyes?

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*“A faithful man will be richly blessed, but one eager to get rich will not go unpunished.”*  
*Proverbs 28:20*

The rich man rejected God in verse (22) Why? How did the rich man feel when he rejected God? \_\_\_\_\_ Why do you think Jesus said in verse (23) it is hard for a rich man to enter into heaven? \_\_\_\_\_

Read **Luke 12:34** and **Luke 16:13** If Jesus asked you to follow Him today, what would your response be? Why? \_\_\_\_\_

What does God want **you** to learn about this story? \_\_\_\_\_

### Take just a moment to reflect on what's important to you?

#### What areas do you spend the most time thinking about?

Your Family 10 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 Your Work Points \_\_\_\_\_

Making Money 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 Serving God Points \_\_\_\_\_

#### How much time do you spend doing fun things with your wife, children, husband. (Loved ones if not married)

Very Little 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 Allot Points \_\_\_\_\_

#### What gives you the most enjoyment or fulfillment in life?

Helping others in need 10 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 Spending on yourself Points \_\_\_\_\_

#### What is your primary motivation for working?

Making Money 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 Personal fulfillment of goals. Points \_\_\_\_\_

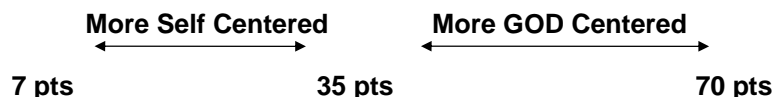
#### How much time do you spend reading the Bible and learning more about God?

Very Little 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 Allot Points \_\_\_\_\_

#### When you are experiencing financial difficulties or distress, who do you go to first to solve your problem?

Myself or others 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 God Points \_\_\_\_\_

**How did you do? Add up your points from above.**



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**Notes:**

Have you ever thought to yourself that if you could just make more money, or get a better job, or win the lottery, that life would be OK? You would be happier, you wouldn't be under as much pressure and would enjoy life more? What scriptures agrees with this, which say just the opposite?

	<i>Agree</i>	<i>Opposite</i>		<i>Agree</i>	<i>Opposite</i>
<i>Ecclesiastes</i>			<i>Proverbs 23:5</i>		
<i>5:10</i>	_____	_____		_____	_____
<i>Zephaniah 1:18</i>	_____	_____	<i>1 Tim 6:17</i>	_____	_____
<i>Luke 12:34</i>	_____	_____	<i>Matt 6:33-34</i>	_____	_____
<i>Luke 12:25-26</i>	_____	_____	<i>Prov 30:8-9</i>	_____	_____
<i>Prov 28:20</i>	_____	_____	<i>Prov 20:21</i>	_____	_____
<i>Prov 28:22</i>	_____	_____	<i>Galatians 6:7-8</i>	_____	_____