

Saving for Future Needs

"Make as much as you can, save as much as you can, and give as much as you can."

John Wesley.

The purpose of saving is to set aside for the future. Not spending in the present allows us to save and preserve our resources for later. **Proverbs 21:20** says, *"In the house of the wise are stores of choice food and oil, but a foolish man devours all he has."* The difference is one is wise and the other is foolish. We need to determine which of the two we want to be. The wisest thing we could ever do is to give first, save second, and spend last and this attitude will help keep us out of debt whenever the need arises. You can be sure that the need will arise. It's just a matter of when.

There is a difference in saving and hoarding. Saving is putting aside for those predictable and even sometimes unpredictable needs and hoarding is when we take saving to an extreme. Hoarding is "getting all we can, canning all we get and sitting on the can". That certainly is not what God had in mind for you or me. In the story of the Rich Man in Luke 12:16-21, Jesus says that a man can become a fool if all he thinks about is saving for himself, but never considers God with his savings. Knowing how much is enough and trusting God with our future is a balance that God wants us to have. Read what Charles Spurgeon had to say about this:

"Christians often look to man for help and counsel, and mar the noble simplicity of their reliance upon their God....If you cannot trust God for temporals, how dare you trust Him for spirituals? Can you trust Him for your soul's redemption, and not rely upon Him for a few lesser mercies? Is not God enough for thy need, or is His all-sufficiency too narrow for thy wants?.... Is His heart faint? Is His arm weary? If so, seek another God; but if He be infinite, omnipotent, faithful, true, and all-wise, why gaddest thou abroad so much to seek another confidence? Why dost thou rake the earth to find another foundation, when this is strong enough to bear all the weight which thou canst ever build thereon? Let the sandy foundations of terrestrial trust be the choice of fools, but do thou, like one who foresees the storm, build for thyself an abiding place upon the Rock of Ages."

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