

# BUILD YOUR FINANCIAL HOUSE ON THE ROCK

Remember singing "The wise man built his house upon the Rock" in Sunday School? The parable that song is based on (Matthew 7) has powerful implications - not only for our lives, but also for the values we pass on to the next generation. Here are 6 things needed in this generation and the next to build our financial houses on the Rock - Jesus Christ.



**1. We need a total conversion.** Martin Luther once said, "People go through 3 conversions: their head, their heart and their pocket-book. Unfortunately, not all at the same time." The conversion of our financial lives begins when we realize that any ability, training, and connections we have to make money came from God, and not from ourselves (Deuteronomy 8: 17,18).

**2. We need to let go of the "more" mindset.** There's a powerful little truth tucked away in Ecclesiastes 5:11: the more we have, the more we spend. Pastor Rick Warren used this idea and observed, "A lot of things we think are needs are really greeds." In other words, making enough money isn't the problem for many people - it's wanting too much.

**3. We need faith in hard times.** You know your investments are in trouble when your favorite companies stop appearing in the newspaper's business section and start appearing in the political cartoons, someone once quipped. But in times of trouble, believers look to God and replace fear with faith, knowing they will not wither and their inheritance will endure forever. (Psalm 37:18-19)

**4. We need the joy of contentment.** Would you agree that the most expensive vehicle to drive per mile is a shopping cart? The Bible provides a wonderful alternative in Hebrews 13:5-6 - Be content with what you have and keep your life free from the pursuit of money and "stuff." Why? Because God Himself is your reward, and will never leave you or forsake you.

**5. We need to avoid debt - except one.** A sign in the store window read: "Use our easy credit plan - 100% down and 0% monthly payments!" The Bible never prohibits using debt, but it always describes debt in the negative - except once. In Romans 13:8, the Apostle Paul writes: "Let no debt remain outstanding, except to love one another." A strong financial house is built on a deep love for God and others.

**6. We need to choose our next steward.** Do you have an up-to-date Will? Have you made plans for which people and ministries will be the next steward of the resources God has entrusted to you? If not, the Bible counsels us to put our "financial" houses in order by listening to advice, which in the end makes us wise. (Proverbs 19:20) We can point you in the right direction if you need help.

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