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Making the Most of Your Finances

Luke 16:10–15
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1. God [commands](#) us to be [faithful](#) with our finances. *Luke 16:10–11*
2. God [rewards](#) us when we are [faithful](#) in our finances. *Luke 16:11–12*
3. Finances are a [tool](#) to be used, not an [idol](#) to worship. *Luke 16:13*
4. Love for finances is [detestable](#) to [God](#). *Luke 16:14–15*



A Demonstration of Love

Jesus demonstrated His love for us by giving.
“For God so loved the world that He gave...” John 3:16

We share our love for others by following His example. We give food to a sick neighbor, babysitting services to a single mom, and encouragement to the weary.

The Valentine’s season provides a platform to express our love to others. Consider these FREE options:

Husband to Wife:

- Create a set of coupons: backrub, a day off from kitchen duties, Mom’s Night Out, etc.
- Send frequent texts or emails with links to love songs, poems, or your own personal love note.

Wife to Husband:

- Decorate his favorite relaxing spot (ex. recliner) with hearts, strand of lights, or candy and a coupon for an evening of relaxation.
- Schedule 12 love-note emails to be delivered on the 14th of each month for one year.

Kids to Parents:

- With parental permission, allow the kids to plan and prepare a family evening (ex. indoor picnic, movie, snacks).
- Plan a scavenger hunt and hide a few thank-you notes or pieces of art to express thankfulness.

Parents to Kids:

- Declare each child the king/queen for a day and include special privileges.
- Allow each child to invite a friend to join your family game night. Play board games and eat movie snacks.



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