1. Manage God’s possessions.
   Psalm 24:1; 1 Chron. 29:14; Luke 16:10–12

2. Work for your living.
   Gen. 2:15; Ruth 2:12; Prov. 13:11, 14:23; 1 Thess. 4:11–12; 2 Thess. 3:10

3. Tithe to your church.
   Lev. 27:30; Deut. 14:22; Neh. 10:37; Mal. 3:8–12; Matt. 23:23

4. Develop a budget.
   Prov. 16:3; Is. 32:8; 1 Cor. 14:40

5. Learn to be content (live within your means).
   Prov. 15:16; Luke 3:14; Phil. 4:11–13; 1 Tim. 6:6–11; Heb. 13:5

6. Get out of debt.
   Deut. 15:6, 28:12–13; Prov. 22:7

7. Save for future needs.
   Gen. 41:34–36; Prov. 6:6–11

8. Be generous to the poor.
   Lev. 19:9–10; Deut. 15:7–8; Prov. 11:24–25, 19:17, 22:9

9. Trust God, not wealth.
   Prov. 11:28; Matt. 6:25–34; 1 Tim. 6:17

10. Don’t seek to be rich.
    Psalm 127:2; Prov. 23:4–5, 28:20; Eccl. 5:10

11. Store up treasure in Heaven.
    Matt. 6:19–21; Luke 12:33; Heb. 11:16
Overcoming Tempting Thoughts

1. Three sources of temptation:
   A. The world. Rom. 12:2; 1 John 2:15–17
   B. The flesh. Rom. 8:6–8; James 1:13–15
   C. The devil. Matt. 4:1–4; Luke 4:13; Eph. 6:16

2. Four steps to overcoming tempting thoughts.
   A. Recognize.
      1) Is it discouraging?
      2) Does it incite fear?
      3) Does it entice you to sin?
      4) Is it anti-Scriptural?
   B. Refuse.
      1) Quickly—Don’t allow a tempting thought to linger.
      2) Verbally: “That thought is not from God.”
   C. Resist.
      James 4:7–8a
      1) Submit to God.
      2) Resist the devil—“Satan, I resist that thought in Jesus’ name; you and it must leave.”
      3) Draw near to God.
   D. Replace.
      Matt. 4:3–4; 1 Cor. 10:13