



Financial Margin

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Margin - _____

1. Creating financial margin

- **More income and/or less spending**
- **Adjust my lifestyle**
- **Address my spiritual problem**

The wise have wealth and luxury, but fools spend whatever they get. **Proverbs 21:20 NLT**

⁶ Yet true godliness with contentment is itself great wealth.

⁷ After all, we brought nothing with us when we came into the world, and we can't take anything with us when we leave it.

⁸ So if we have enough food and clothing, let us be content. ⁹ But people who long to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many foolish and harmful desires that plunge them into ruin and destruction. ¹⁰ For the love of money is the root of all kinds of evil. **1 Timothy 6:6-10 NLT**

¹⁹ "Don't store up treasures here on earth, where moths eat them and rust destroys them, and where thieves break in and steal. ²⁰ Store your treasures in heaven... ²¹ Wherever your treasure is, there the desires of your heart will also be.

Matthew 6:19-21 NLT

2. Putting God first in my finances

- **Giving and generosity**
- **Being content with what I have**
- **Building treasure in things that last forever**

Bring all the tithes into the storehouse so there will be enough food in my Temple. If you do," says the LORD of Heaven's Armies, "I will open the windows of heaven for you. I will pour out a blessing so great you won't have enough room to take it in! Try it! Put me to the test!

Malachi 3:10 NLT

Better to have little, with fear for the LORD, than to have great treasure and inner turmoil.

Proverbs 15:16 NLT

Next Steps:

- Commit to live on ___% of my income to increase my financial margin
- Commit to give more of my income to ministries that build God's kingdom
- I will adjust my lifestyle (_____) to create more financial margin in my life
- Commit to reduce my debt and live within my means
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