

BALANCED

Creating a New Line Item

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1. Three laws of balance

- Reference point
 - Constant correction
 - Clear objective

2. What about your extra money?

- What extra money?
 - What you do with it is a reflection of your heart condition

¹⁵ Then he said, “Beware! Guard against every kind of greed. Life is not measured by how much you own.” ¹⁶ Then he told them a story: “A rich man had a fertile farm that produced fine crops. ¹⁷ He said to himself, ‘What should I do? I don’t have room for all my crops.’ ¹⁸ Then he said, ‘I know! I’ll tear down my barns and build bigger ones. Then I’ll have room enough to store all my wheat and other goods. ¹⁹ And I’ll sit back and say to myself, ‘My friend, you have enough stored away for years to come. Now take it easy! Eat, drink, and be merry!’” ²⁰ “But God said to him, ‘You fool! You will die this very night. Then who will get everything you worked for?’ ²¹ “Yes, a person is a fool to store up earthly wealth but not have a rich relationship with God.”

3. How can we be rich towards God?

- Sell your extra stuff for others
 - Don't think all your extra is for you and your family
 - Pre-decide to be generous

³³ “Sell your possessions and give to those in need. This will store up treasure for you in heaven! And the purses of heaven never get old or develop holes. Your treasure will be safe; no thief can steal it and no moth can destroy it.

³⁴ Wherever your treasure is, there the desires of your heart will also be.

Luke 12:33-34 NLT

Next Steps:

- Add up all the money I gave away last year and then figure the percentage that I gave
 - Pre-decide to give away ___% so that I am not using all my extra money for myself, but instead invest my riches in heaven and fight against greed
 - Commit to attend the rest of the “Balanced” message series
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