

The Biblical Responsibility Of Seeking Wisdom In Matters Of Finance

Scripture is very clear about matters of stewardship. It is also clear that when we struggle in areas of finance, we are to seek help from those who have knowledge and experience. Not understanding how to handle your finances correctly does not excuse you from the responsibility of good stewardship. Proverbs 17:16 says, “Of what use is money in the hand of a fool, since he has no desire to get wisdom?”

Proverbs 24:3-6

“Any enterprise is built by wise planning, becomes strong through common sense, and profits wonderfully by keeping abreast of the facts” (*TLB*).

Proverbs 15:22

“Plans fail for lack of counsel, but with many advisers they succeed.”

Seeking wisdom and getting help is a personal responsibility, a biblical principle and a practical solution to your debt problem. It is your responsibility to get spiritual advice and wisdom about your financial decisions.

Proverbs 4:5-7

“Get wisdom, get understanding; do not forget my words or swerve from them. Do not forsake wisdom, and she will protect you; love her, and she will watch over you. Wisdom is supreme; therefore get wisdom. Though it cost all you have, get understanding.”

One of the most practical persons I know of that dispenses advice to millions of people daily via a national radio talk show is Dave Ramsey, author of many books, seminars and financial programs, etc. As I mentioned before, my wife, in commuting to and from her office, made me aware of Dave’s ministry. Since then, whenever I can, I try to find his show on the radio and glean some practical and spiritual insights. His advice is spiritual, biblical, practical and full of wisdom. For a listing of his books, radio show, etc., go to daveramsey.com.

Dave Ramsey often quotes his grandmother as saying, “Those convinced against their will, are of the same opinion still.”

You can have the best intentions regarding a bright financial future, but without input from others, your intentions will fail.

What people do you know in your own life (a church friend, coworker, pastor, CPA) that obviously have their finances in order? Approach them and ask for their advice. People love to share their ideas and strategies with others.

Matthew 7:7, 8

"Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened."

Humble yourself and learn from those around you.

Learn the right way to live. Understand the responsibility of seeking wisdom in matters of finance now!