

Lifestyle

Four reasons to determine how much is enough

1. We are called to provide for our family

“But if anyone does not provide for his relatives, and especially for members of his household, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.” 1 Timothy 5:8

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2. Our focus ought to be on representing Christ, not on wealth accumulation

“Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.” Matthew 6:19-21

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3. We are called to use our wealth to benefit others

“Everyone to whom much was given, of him much will be required, and to whom they entrusted much, they will demand the more.” Luke 12:48

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4. There are temporal consequences to consuming all that God provides

"In the house of the wise are stores of choice food and oil, but a foolish man devours all he has." Proverbs 21:20

Life Style – Net Worth

1. Net worth is always and only a measurement of God's provision and never a measurement of significance or success.
2. Every financial decision ultimately impacts net worth.
3. Net Worth is the one number that can be quantified and therefore measured on a period to period basis.
4. My Net Worth today is the sum total of every financial decision that I have ever made.

Life Style – Net Worth

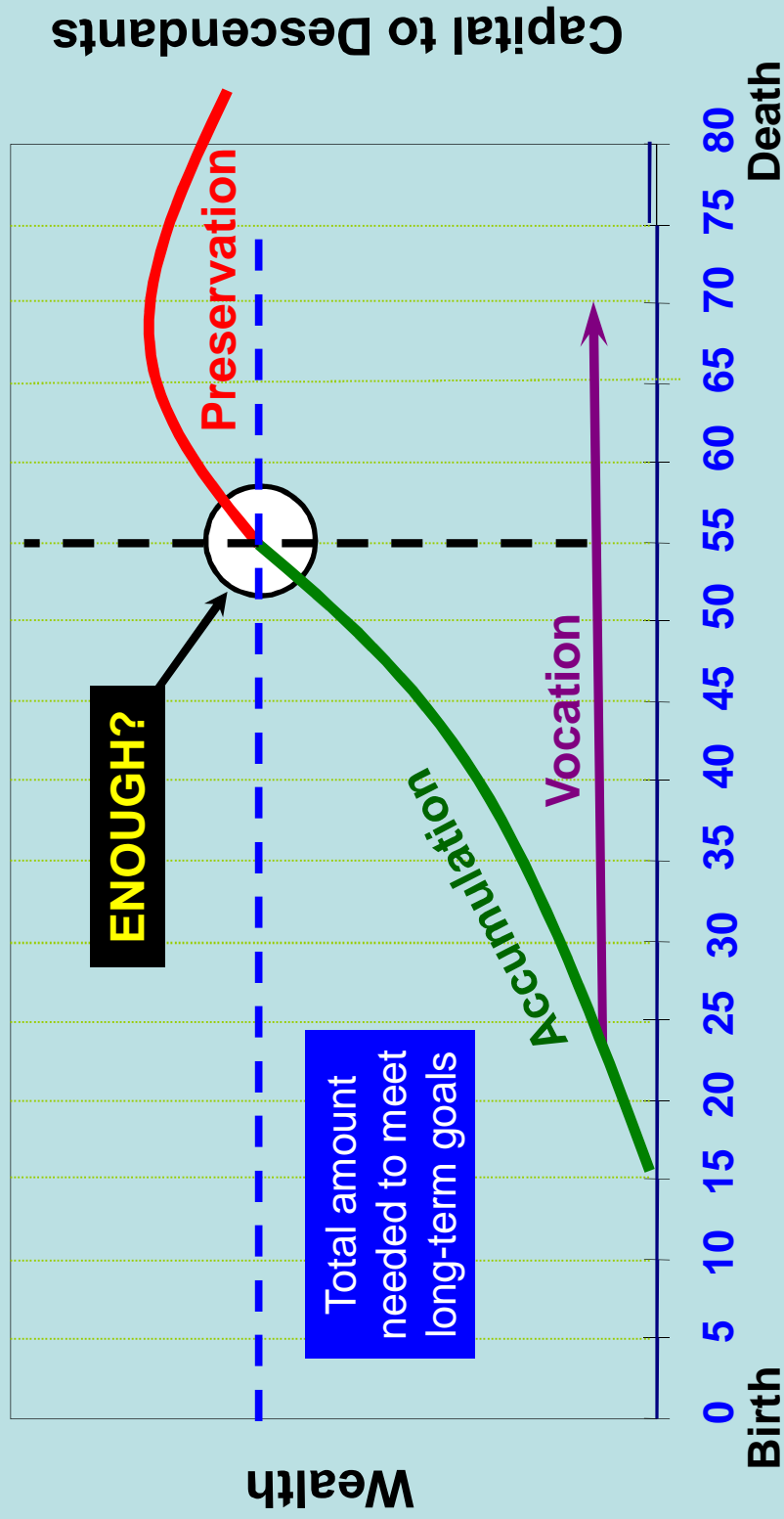
Worldly Perspective

1. Protection
2. Anxiety
3. Hoarding
4. Time is an enemy
5. No limits on accumulation
6. Mine

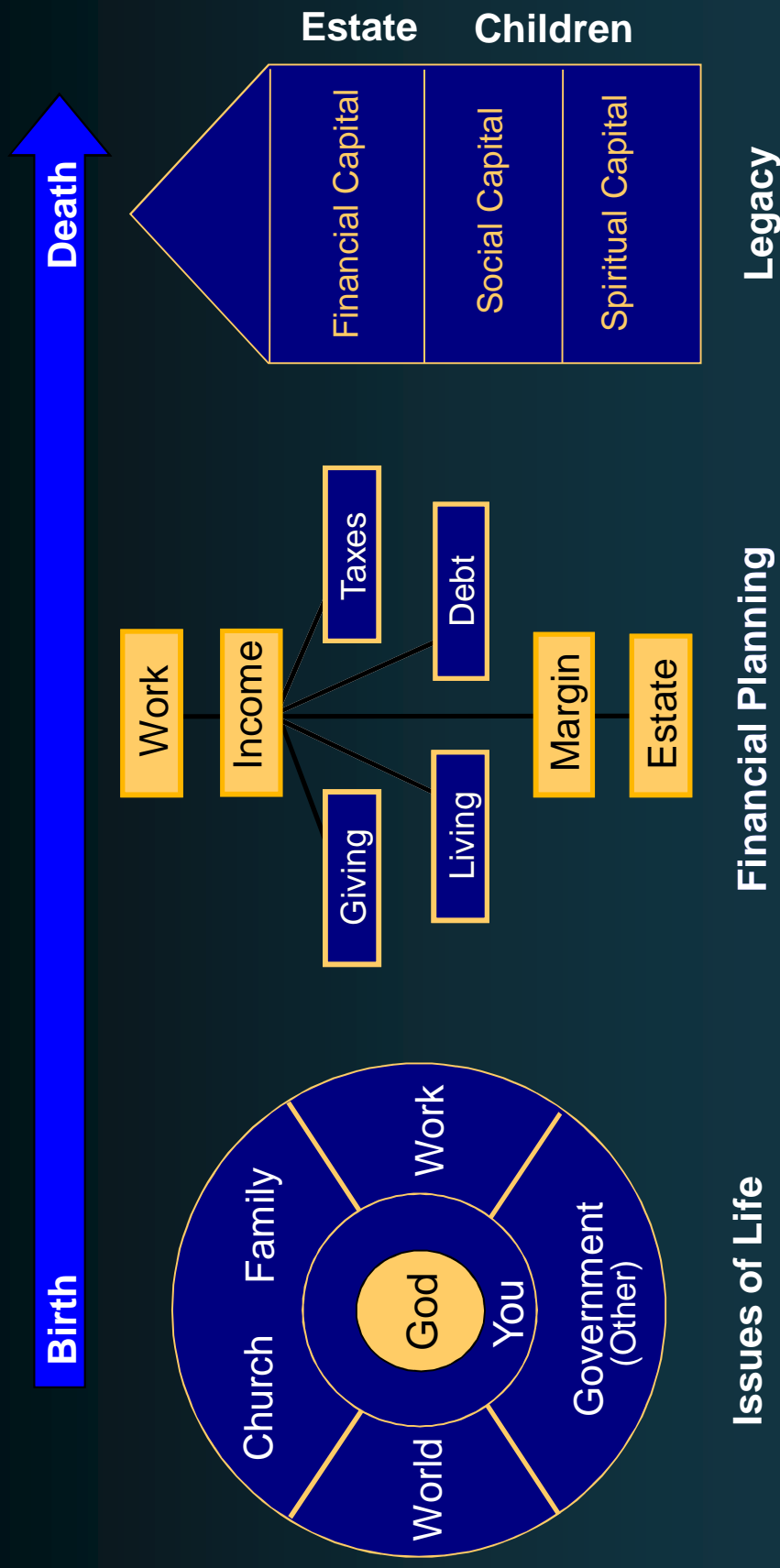
Biblical Perspective

1. Provision
2. Contentment
3. Generosity
4. Time is a tool
5. Finish lines defined
6. God's

HOW MUCH IS ENOUGH?



LIFESTYLE BALANCE SHEET



Ephesians 5:15-17
Philippians 1:9-10

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“Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is.”

Ephesians 15-17

“And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ...”

Philippians 1:9,10

Determining Your Lifestyle

1. Prayerfully seek God's direction regarding your lifestyle

"Trust in the LORD with all your heart
and do not lean on your own
understanding. In all your ways
acknowledge Him, and He will make
straight your paths." Proverbs 3:5,6

Determining Your Lifestyle

2. Learn to be content

"...I have **learned** in whatever situation I am to be content. I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. I can do all things through him who strengthens me." Philippians 4:11,12

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3. Avoid coveting

"You shall not covet your neighbors house, you shall not covet your neighbors wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or **anything** that is your neighbor's." Exodus 20:17

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4. Do not compare yourself to secular images of desirable lifestyles

“Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world – the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride of possessions - is not from the Father but is from the world. And the world is passing away along with its desires, but whoever does the will of God abides forever.” 1 John 2:15-17

Lifestyle – Key Principles

5. Freely enjoy whatever you spend in the "Spirit."

"For everything created by God is good, and nothing is to be rejected if it is received with thanksgiving, for it is made holy by the word of God and prayer." 1 Timothy 4:5

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6. Make an effort to live more peacefully

“...aspire to live quietly, and to mind your own affairs, and to work with your hands, as we instructed you. For everything created by God is good, and nothing is to be rejected if it is received with thanksgiving, for it is made holy by the word of God and prayer.” 1 Timothy 4:5

Goals

Four reasons to set goals

1. They provide direction and purpose
2. They help us crystallize our thinking
3. They provide personal motivation
4. They are a statement of God's will for us

Goals

Five reasons we don't set goals

1. We don't think about it
2. Fear of failure
3. Concern that it takes a great deal of time
4. Lack of knowledge about how to set goals
5. Lack of understanding of what goals to set

Goals

How not to set goals

1. Focus on the past

“Remember not the former things, nor consider the things of old. Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.” Isaiah 43:18-19

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How not to set goals

2. Focus on present resources

“The LORD said to Abraham, “Why did Sarah laugh and say, ‘Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?’ Is anything too hard for the LORD?...” Genesis 18:13-14

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How not to set goals

3. Focus solely on the future you can “see”

“Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.”

Hebrews 11:1

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How not to set goals

4. If married, apart from spouse

1 Samuel 25: Abigail and Nabal

Goals

Faith goals

All goals are really faith goals

“For we walk by faith, not by sight.”

2 Corinthians 5:7

“For whatever does not proceed from faith
is sin.”

Romans 14:23b

Goals

All goals are faith goals

All goals should be based on God's universal will for all of His children and His will for us specifically

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Goals - Lifestyle

Contentment begins with current income:

1. Set aside the portion for taxes
2. For giving
3. For saving
4. For debt repayment
5. You **choose** to live on what's left