

FOLLOWING GENEROUSLY
Part 4: LIVE APPROPRIATELY
March 24, 2019

“For God so loved the world that He GAVE...”

John 3:16 (NIV)

APPROPRIATE

_____ or _____ for a particular purpose,
occasion, person; _____ under the circumstances.

QUESTION:

What is financially suitable, fitting or proper for a _____?

“... godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that. Those who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.”
1 Timothy 6:6-10 (NIV)

“Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life.”
1 Timothy 6:17-19 (NIV)

- **Living appropriately means managing my resources in a way that is both**

_____ and _____
_____.

IN ORDER TO LIVE APPROPRIATELY, I MUST ...

1. **HAVE A REALISTIC VIEW OF _____.**

“We all come to the end of our lives as naked and empty-handed as on the day we were born. We can’t take our riches with us.”
Ecclesiastes 5:15 (NLT)

2. **KNOW WHAT I CAN _____, i.e. LIVE _____ MY _____.**

“The rich rule over the poor, and the borrower is slave to the lender.”

Proverbs 22:7 (NIV)

“The wicked borrow and never repay, but the godly are generous givers.”

Psalms 37:21 (NLT)

3. UNDERSTAND THAT MY LIFESTYLE AND MY PURCHASES DETERMINE WHETHER I

CAN _____ AND _____
_____.

“Is not this the kind of fasting I have chosen: to loose the chains of injustice and untie the cords of the yoke, to set the oppressed free and break every yoke? Is it not to share your food with the hungry and to provide the poor wanderer with shelter – when you see the naked, to clothe them, and not to turn away from your own flesh and blood?”
Isaiah 58:6-7 (NIV)

4. STOP ASKING, “HOW MUCH SHOULD I _____?” AND START ASKING

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“So do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.”
Matthew 6:31-33 (NIV)

- **Find greater fulfillment in advancing _____ than in building mine.**
- **Don’t _____ till it _____.** _____ **till it’s _____.**

MY NEXT STEP THIS WEEK IS ...

- If I am not a Christian, discover what it means to be a follower of Jesus Christ.
 - Check box on back of Communication Card.
- If I believe that Jesus died for my sins and rose from the grave, I’m ready to be baptized.
 - Check box on back of Communication Card to be baptized at our Baptism Celebration on Palm Sunday, April 14th
- I want to give, but I’m reluctant to give to a Church.
 - Check out the Haiti Child Sponsorship program. All money given goes to our mission partner, the LaCroix New Testament Mission. For \$20.00 a month you can provide a child with a school uniform, one meal a day, and an education.
- Consider attending our Freed Up Financial Living Class.
 - a 6-week class that runs every Tuesday from April 2nd – May 7th, from 6pm – 7:30pm at the GNG Ministry Center. The cost is \$20 for the materials, and you can sign up today in the atrium.
- Get involved in our Decision Day prayer and Bible reading vigil. See Bulletin insert for details.
 - Sign-up in the Atrium today