



**How to Get Along with Mr. Money
(Produce Wealth, Don't Forget, and Manage Well)**

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Series Summary:

- 1. Be Exposed to It (How much money have you been exposed to?)**
- 2. Understand It (Who taught you about money?)**
- 3. Have It (How much money do you really have?)**
- 4. Manage It (Who was the best money manager in your life who showed you their money?)**

Big Question: Are you producing wealth or just spending money?

- How much wealth are you building?
- How many assets do you really have?
- How much do people think you have?

Text: Deuteronomy 8:18–20 (NIV)

- 18 But **remember the Lord your God**, for it is he who gives you the ability to **produce wealth**, and so confirms his covenant, which he swore to your ancestors, as it is today.
- 19 **If you ever forget** the Lord your God and follow other gods and worship and bow down to them, I testify against you today that **you will surely be destroyed**. 20 Like the nations the Lord destroyed before you, so **you will be destroyed for not obeying** the Lord your God.

Statement:

- Israel came into an amazing season of opportunity and blessings. This was the second chance to get life right. They were about to go into their promise land. This would require fighting, faith, and determination.
- Once they arrived, they were advised to build wealth but never forget the God who gave them this opportunity.

**Five Kinds of People That Forget and Don't Build Wealth
(2 Thessalonians 3:6–15)**

1. People that are Idle and Disruptive (Will have trouble building wealth)

- 6 In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, we command you, brothers and sisters, to keep away from every believer who is **idle** and **disruptive** and does not live according to the teaching you received from us. 7 For you yourselves know how you ought to follow our example. We were not **idle** when we were with you,

2. People Who Always Want a Free Meal (Will have trouble building wealth)

8 nor did we **eat anyone's food without paying for it**. On the contrary, we worked night and day, laboring and toiling so that we would not be a burden to any of you. 9 We did this, not because we do not have the right to such help, but in order to offer ourselves as a model for you to imitate. 10 For even when we were with you, we gave you this rule: **"The one who is unwilling to work shall not eat."**

3. People Who Are Busybodies (Will have trouble building wealth)

11 We hear that some among you are idle and disruptive. **They are not busy; they are busybodies.** 12 Such people we command and urge in the Lord Jesus Christ to **settle down and earn the food they eat**.

4. People Who Don't Do What is Right (Will have trouble building wealth)

13 And as for you, brothers and sisters, **never tire of doing what is good**. 14 Take special note of anyone who does not obey our instruction in this letter. **Do not associate with them**, in order that they may feel ashamed. 15 Yet *do not regard them as an enemy, but warn them as you would a fellow believer*.

5. People Who Don't Manage Well

Note: These believers spent too much time managing the affairs of others and ignored their issues.

Three Questions You Should Ask Me

1. What makes religious people prone to being busy bodies?

Answer: They feel they have been sent by God to fix the world. When they arrive, they assume God has arrived in them.

2. Is it really okay to let a person go hungry (or not eat) because they will not work? (v12)

Answer: If you make yourself **responsible for them**, you must be prepared to feed them all of their life. They will make you feel responsible for their life needs and outcomes.

Note: Galatians 6:2,5

- v2 "Carry each other burdens" (A load too heavy to be carried alone)
- v5 "For each one should carry their own burdens" (A load light enough to be carried alone)

3. If God has given you the power to get wealth, why don't I have any wealth?

Answer: You didn't go it. Sometimes we are waiting on things God told us to get.

Next Bible Study Series: How to Build a Life Plan (A Study of Nehemiah)

- **For Leaders** (He pressed passed his fear and led a nation to healing)



- **For Followers** (He inspired people to believe that a future was possible)
- **For Entrepreneurs** (He understood the importance of having resources)
- **For Dreamers** (He dared to dream beyond the devastation he saw around him)