



Message Summary.

Life is full of the unexpected, especially when it comes to finances. Jesus tells us not to worry about tomorrow and to prepare wisely for it. Financial peace doesn't come from luck or denial; it comes from faithful stewardship.

We expect the unexpected by trusting God, saving wisely, working diligently, and living intentionally. Faith plans out of trust.

Key Scripture Summaries.

Matthew 6:33-34 | Seek first God's kingdom and righteousness, and He will give you all you need. Don't worry about tomorrow.

Proverbs 14:8 | The wise look ahead; fools deceive themselves and refuse to face facts.

Proverbs 27:12 | A prudent person foresees danger and takes precautions; the simple go on and suffer the consequences.

Genesis 41-47 | Joseph wisely prepares Egypt for seven years of famine by saving during the years of plenty.

Philippians 4:13 | "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."

Start Talking.

1. When was the last time something unexpected hit your budget? How did you handle it?
2. Do you tend to react to financial surprises with faith or fear? Why?

Start Thinking.

- Read Matthew 6:33-34. How does putting God first change the way you view financial preparation?
- Read Proverbs 14:8. Why does God call it wise to look ahead? What does it mean to "face the facts" about your finances?
- Read Genesis 41:33-36. What stands out to you about Joseph's plan during the years of

plenty? How does this story model godly stewardship?

Start Sharing.

1. Share a time when God provided for you unexpectedly, or helped you through a season of financial challenge.
2. What's one "unexpected" expense that has caught you off guard before? What might have helped you be more prepared?
3. Which of the five steps from the sermon challenges you most, and which excites you most? (Ask God for help; Build an emergency fund; Work hard; Reduce expenses; Get creative)

Start Praying.

God, You own it all. Teach us to trust You with what's in our hands. Help us prepare wisely without worrying fearfully. Give us discipline to save, diligence to work hard, and faith to rely on You. Strengthen us to expect the unexpected and stay faithful through it all. In Jesus's name, amen.

Start Doing.

- Pray before you pay. Before every purchase this week, pause and ask, "Lord, is this wise? Is this needed?"
- Start your 'Emergency fund.' Open or label a separate account or envelope. Put something in it toward your first \$1,000.
- Audit your auto-pay. Review your subscriptions and automatic payments, and cancel any you no longer need. Redirect that money to your emergency fund.
- Sell something you don't use. Pick one item you haven't used in months. Sell it and dedicate the proceeds to your emergency fund.
- Invite God in. Begin each day with this prayer: "God, You own it all. Teach me to trust You with what's in my hands."