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**Money, Sex and Power**  
**Money: The Urge to Splurge**  
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**Matthew 6:24 (NKJV):** "No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other; or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and Mammon."

**Principle #1: Settle the Issue of Ownership!**

**Psalms 24:1 (NIV):** The earth is the Lord's and everything in it...

**Matthew 25:14 (NIV 1984):** "...[he] called his servants and entrusted his property to them."

**Matthew 25:15 (NIV 1984):** "To one he gave five talents of money, to another two talents, and to another one talent, each according to his ability."

**Principle #2: Budget Your Income and Expenses!**

**Matthew 25:19 (NIV):** "After a long time the master of those servants returned and settled accounts with them."

**Principle #3: Live Inside Your Income!**

**If your outgo exceeds your income, then your upkeep will be your downfall!**

**Luke 14:28 (NIV 1984):** "Suppose one of you wants to build a tower [or build a house or buy a car]. Will he not first sit down and estimate the cost to see if he has enough money to complete it?"

**Principle #4: Refuse Impulse Spending!**

**Luke 12:15 (NIV):** "...Be on your guard against all kinds of greed..."

**Principle #5: Utilize Debt Cautiously!**

**Proverbs 22:7 (NIV 1984):** ...the borrower is servant to the lender.

**Principle #6: Sacrifice Now to Save and Invest for Later.**

**Proverbs 6:6-8 (NIV 1984):** Go to the ant, you sluggard; consider its ways and be wise! It has no commander, no overseer or ruler, yet it stores its provisions in summer and gathers its food at harvest.

**Proverbs 21:20 (NIV 1984):** In the house of the wise are stores of choice food and oil, but a foolish man devours all he has.

**Principle #7: Put God First.**

**Proverbs 3:9-10 (NIV):** Honor the LORD with your wealth, with the firstfruits of all your crops; then your barns will be filled to overflowing, and your vats will brim over with new wine.

**Matthew 23:23 (NKJV):** "These, you ought to have done..."

**1 Corinthians 16:2 (NIV 1984):** On the first day of the week, each one of you should set aside a sum of money in keeping with his income...

**Principle #8: Make Generosity a Lifestyle!**

**2 Corinthians 9:8-9 (NIV 1984):** And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. As it is written: "He has scattered abroad his gifts to the poor; his righteousness endures forever."