

CAN YOU SAVE MONEY TO YOUR DETRIMENT?

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Proverbs 13:11

Can a person save money to their detriment? Yes. This statement sounds like an oxymoron. However, it is true. Something that is beneficial can become very harmful if it's done inefficiently.

You can be extremely aggressive in saving money that you neglect purchasing treasures for your home.

Treasures are **RESOURCES** that help you in times of pain and need. A treasure is any resource that is **APPLICABLE** at the time of **NECESSITY**.

HERES WHAT I MEAN

- If it's one hundred degrees outside what is more important, how much money is in your bank account

or having air condition in your home? At that moment, air condition becomes your greatest treasure.

- If you have a migraine what is more important, your savings account or medication to provide temporary relief? At that moment, medication becomes your greatest treasure.
- If you are hungry what is more important, your checking account or the food in your refrigerator? At that moment, the food in your refrigerator becomes your greatest treasure.

LITTLE BY LITTLE

Proverbs 13:11 says, "*Money that comes easily disappears quickly, but money that is gathered little by little will grow.*"

" NCV. God encourages us to save money. However, He told us to save a **LITTLE!**

The Lord put very little emphasis on saving because the purpose of money is to be **UTILIZED**. It is a tool that you use to create the life you desire. When you save too much money you have very little to build with.

THE GOAL OF LIFE IS TO GROW. NOT TO REMAIN THE SAME.

Most people do not achieve their dreams because they are waiting for other to people to finance them when they could do it themselves. Some people do not reach their potential because they mismanage their money. God gave you the **ABILITY** to get wealth so you can **BUILD** the vision He gave you.

Ask yourself this question, if you save in abundance how much do you have to build with? **GOD WANTS YOU TO BUILD MORE AND SAVE LESS!** Proverbs 24:3-4 says, *"It takes wisdom to have a good family, and it takes understanding to make it strong. It takes knowledge to fill a home with rare and beautiful treasures."* NCV.

The scripture articulates a view point you need to pay attention to. It takes “knowledge to **FILL** a home with rare and beautiful treasures.” The word “fill” implies an abundance. The Lord puts more emphasis on building and adding resources in your home than saving money.

Why? Because money answers all things but it doesn't solve all problems. Money buys a car but it can't bring peace. Money buys clothes but it can't cure loneliness. Money buys shoes but it can't produce affection. Money buys jewelry but it can't fulfill purpose.

You need money and resources. However, investing in resources will take you **CLOSER** to fulfilling God's will than having a bank account full of money. The value of resources allows you to maximize your talent, display your gifts, share your personality and enhance your value.

The popular NBA basketball player, LeBron James needed a basketball and a hoop to display his gift. That's

a resource. The legendary musician, Stevie Wonder needed a keyboard to show off his talent. That's a resource. The memorable comedian, Bernie Mac needed a microphone to display his personality. That's a resource.

**PEOPLE SAVE TO THIER DETRIMENT WHEN THEY
VALUE SAVING MONEY OVER GATHERING
RESOURCES.**

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