

**Why Stewardship of Wealth by Pastor Fred Auma**

**Main Text: 1 Timothy 6:3-19**

**Summary:** Wealth is defined as having “an abundance, or plentiful supply of something desirable” and it is a term that causes most people’s hearts to beat with excitement. Wealth is both tangible (cash, real estate) and intangible (social and intellectual capital). It is important to discuss the stewardship of wealth because of whom it ultimately belongs to and the contestation of wills it elicits in all of us.

When discussing wealth, it is important to take note that there are: **Principles, Purposes and Perils of Wealth.**

**Principles of Wealth Management**

**Q.1) Wealth Consciousness:** We often fall into two major errors regarding the way that we view material wealth, that it is evil or that it is to be idolized. *What other errors do we fall into in how we regard wealth and which one is a particular temptation for you?*

---

---

**Q.2) Wealth Creation:** It is important to recognize that it is God who gives us the ability to create wealth (Deuteronomy 8:18) and that it is He who supplies all our needs (Philippians 4:19). However, God’s provision does not negate that we still must work hard. *In what ways can we have a healthy balance between God’s provision and the necessity of us working hard?*

---

---

**Q.3) Wealth Consumption & Conservation:** Proverbs 27 encourages us to be aware of the state of our accounts, while Proverbs 21 encourages us not to be hasty with money nor fail to save during times of plenty. *What practical steps can you take to regularly take stock of your accounts and to save more? Share these practical steps with a friend for accountability.*

---

---

**Purpose of Wealth Management**

**Q.1) Worship and Witness:** We are to steward God’s Wealth, as the ultimate owner, in a manner that honors Him and advances the mission work of His Kingdom. One chief way of doing this is through tithing and giving to mission work (Malachi 3:10, Romans 10:13-15). *Do you regularly tithe? If not, what are the hindrances that keep you from doing so? Other than tithing what other ways can we give materially to support God’s mission of redeeming the lost?*

**Perils of Wealth**

**Q.1) Temptation to market the gospel for financial gain (1 Tim.6:5):** There are many instances of false preachers who twist the gospel in order to fleece the sheep. *But how do we (who are not vocational ministers) also market the gospel in our own individual lives? Share some examples and the consequences of such acts.*

---

---

**Q.2) Temptation to love money and wealth leading to foolish and harmful desires (1 Tim.6:9-10).** These foolish and harmful desires lead men to plunge into ruin and destruction, but worst of all it leads others to wander away from the faith. *What are some foolish and harmful desires that arise in us when we love money? Share a personal experience or a story you are closely acquainted with where the love of money led to destruction or even wandering from the faith. How do we as Christian brethren restore those that have fallen into this trap and keep each other from falling into the same trap?*

---

---

**Conclusion**

1<sup>st</sup> Timothy Chapter 6 from verse 6 to 11 gives us a few pointers on how to avoid the perils of wealth: we are to embrace godliness with contentment (vs.6), we are to appreciate the limitations of wealth (vs.7), we are to appreciate that all we need in life is just for our needs (vs.8), and lastly we are to flee lust for wealth and pursue God in fellowship, good deeds and generosity (vs.11, 16, 19)

Q.) From the above pointers which are do you struggle with the most? Take time now to pray and ask God for grace to live out that which He has called you to.