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RESERVES

(Striking the right balance between PRIVATE and PUBLIC)

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“Do not wear yourself out to get rich; have **the wisdom to show restraint.**” (Proverbs 23:4 NIV)

“Leaving that place, Jesus **withdrew** to the region of Tyre and Sidon.” (Matthew 15:21 NIV)

“But Jesus **often withdrew** to lonely places and prayed.” (Luke 5:16 NIV)

Do you really want . . .

To live **to live on the cutting edge?**

To live **all or nothing?**

To live **debt to debt?**

“. . . The rich rule over the poor, the borrower is servant to the lender.” (Proverbs 22:7 NIV)

Why are reserves important?

For times of **sickness.**

For times of **injustice.**

For times of **temptation.**

For times of **opportunity.**

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How to buildup your reserves

Before you work; worship.

"I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. You shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself an idol in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the fathers to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me, but showing love to a thousand {generations} of those who love me and keep my commandments." (Exodus 20:1-6 NIV)

Before you try; train.

“Everyone who competes in the games **goes into strict training.** They do it to get a crown that will not last; but we do it to get a crown that will last forever. Therefore I do not run like a man running aimlessly; I do not fight like a man beating the air. No, **I beat my body and make it my slave** so that after I have preached to others, I myself will not be disqualified for the prize.” (1 Corinthians 9:25-28 NIV)

Before you quit; finish.

“The one who sows to please his sinful nature, from that nature[a]will reap destruction; the one who sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life. Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.” (Galatians 6:8-10 NIV)

Before you worry; wait.

“No one can serve two masters. . . . You cannot serve both God and Money. Therefore, I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more important than food, and the body more important than clothes? Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. **Are you not much more valuable than they?**” (Matthew 6:24-26 NIV)

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