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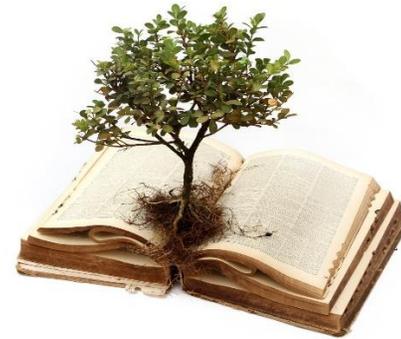
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#1. Invest the first 10% of your resources (income) in building God's kingdom. *Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. 7 Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. 8 And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.* 2 Corinthians 9:6-8



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#2. The next 10%, put into savings. Savings is the wisest thing to do after giving. Allows us to be prepared for the unexpected things and gives us freedom from debt during those times. Proverbs 22:7; *The rich rule over the poor, and the borrower is slave to the lender.*

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Money doesn't give us strength, faith does. God provides, trust Him. God will meet our needs, not money... it is He that will carry us through into eternal life. *And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus. 20 To our God and Father be glory for ever and ever. Amen.* Philippians 4:19-20

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