



HOME-FIELD ADVANTAGE

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BIG IDEA | Seek *LIFE* over *LIFESTYLE*

Matthew 6:19-25a (NLT)

¹⁹ “Don’t store up treasures here on earth, where moths eat them and rust destroys them, and where thieves break in and steal. ²⁰ Store your treasures in heaven, where moths and rust cannot destroy, and thieves do not break in and steal. ²¹ Wherever your treasure is, there the desires of your heart will also be.

²² “Your eye is like a lamp that provides light for your body. When your eye is healthy, your whole body is filled with light. ²³ But when your eye is unhealthy, your whole body is filled with darkness. And if the light you think you have is actually darkness, how deep that darkness is!

²⁴ “No one can serve two masters. For you will hate one and love the other; you will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and be enslaved to money.

²⁵ “That is why I tell you not to worry about everyday life—

HOW DO WE GET INTO TROUBLE WITH MONEY?

WE TRY TO FULFILL *ETERNAL LONGINGS* WITH *TEMPORARY THINGS*.

WHAT WE *HOPE* HAVING MORE WILL BRING:

- More ***SATISFACTION***

Ecclesiastes 5:10 (NLT)

¹⁰ Those who love money will never have enough. How meaningless to think that wealth brings true happiness!

- More ***SIGNIFICANCE***

Luke 12:15 (NLT)

¹⁵ Then he said, “Beware! Guard against every kind of greed. Life is not measured by how much you own.”

- More ***SECURITY***

Ecclesiastes 5:11-17 (NLT)

¹¹ The more you have, the more people come to help you spend it. So what good is wealth—except perhaps to watch it slip through your fingers!

¹² People who work hard sleep well, whether they eat little or much. But the rich seldom get a good night’s sleep.

¹³ There is another serious problem I have seen under the sun. Hoarding riches harms the saver. ¹⁴ Money is put into risky investments that turn sour, and everything is lost. In the end, there is nothing left to pass on to one's children. ¹⁵ We all come to the end of our lives as naked and empty-handed as on the day we were born. We can't take our riches with us.

¹⁶ And this, too, is a very serious problem. People leave this world no better off than when they came. All their hard work is for nothing—like working for the wind. ¹⁷ Throughout their lives, they live under a cloud—frustrated, discouraged, and angry.

WHAT HAVING MORE REALLY BRINGS:

- More *EXPENSES*
- More *WORRIES*
- More *PAIN IF LOST*

GOD'S WAY TO AVOID FINANCIAL TROUBLE

1. GIVE back to God first.

Proverbs 3:9-10 (NLT)

⁹ Honor the Lord with your wealth
and with the best part of everything you produce.

¹⁰ Then he will fill your barns with grain,
and your vats will overflow with good wine

2. SAVE for the future.

Proverbs 21:20 (NLT)

²¹ The wise have wealth and luxury,
but fools spend whatever they get.

3. PLAN your spending.

Proverbs 21:5 (NLT)

⁵ Good planning and hard work lead to prosperity,
but hasty shortcuts lead to poverty.

"When your outgo exceeds your income, your upkeep becomes your downfall." - Bill Earle

4. KEEP good records.

Proverbs 27:23-24 (NLT)

²³ Know the state of your flocks,
and put your heart into caring for your herds,

²⁴ for riches don't last forever,
and the crown might not be passed to the next generation.

TRACK: What I own, What I owe, What I earn, Where it goes.

5. ENJOY what you have.

Ecclesiastes 6:9 (NLT)

⁹ Enjoy what you have rather than desiring what you don't have. Just dreaming about nice things is meaningless—like chasing the wind.

Ecclesiastes 5:19 (NLT)

¹⁹ And it is a good thing to receive wealth from God and the good health to enjoy it. To enjoy your work and accept your lot in life—this is indeed a gift from God.

Matthew 6:31-33 (NLT)

³¹ “So don’t worry about these things, saying, ‘What will we eat? What will we drink? What will we wear?’ ³² These things dominate the thoughts of unbelievers, but your heavenly Father already knows all your needs. ³³ Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need