

Financial Stewardship: Personal and Ministry

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It's Just Money

- What is money to you?

Ecclesiastes. 10:19 it answers all things

- Method of exchange
- Way to enjoy life more abundantly
- Not to be worshipped and not to be feared

- Biblical Purposes:

- Establish God's Covenant – Deut. 8:18
- Bless Others – I Timothy 6:18
- Meet personal needs – Phil 4:18

It's Personal

Reference: The wise shall inherit glory (all honor and good) but shame is the highest rank conferred on self-confident fools. Proverbs 3:35

To Break the Poverty/Not Enough Cycle/Wait for next Paycheck/Next Sunday Cycle:

Spiritually

- Sow in the kingdom
- Obey God
- Be Faithful

Practically

- Practice integrity
- Exercise diligence/self-control
- Preparation

Integrity – I Thessalonians 4:11-12

- The way you handle your finances is a witness.

I Corinthians 4:2 It is required of stewards that a man be found faithful.

– Honor your commitments/pay debts:

- Psalm 37:21 The wicked borrow and does not repay but the righteous show mercy and give.
- 2 Kings 4:7go sell the oil, pay your debt, and live off the rest.
- Luke 16 – honest in small things / ruler over much

Integrity

- Don't commingle ministry and personal funds
- Don't write NSF checks
- Don't take money from offering
- Hire accountants
- Pay taxes
- Don't go in debt to impress
- Do you what you say

Red Sea Experience

- Debt Cancellation
- Exodus 14:13 Egyptians you see today, you will see no more.

Discipline: Pray and Plan

- Save – Proverbs 30:24-25 The ant is wise because she stores in summer
 - Not for a rainy day but for an opportunity - Blessing of the Lord makes rich and adds no sorrow
 - Inheritance
 - Build capacity
- Diligence –do what's required to get what's desired.
- Life Insurance

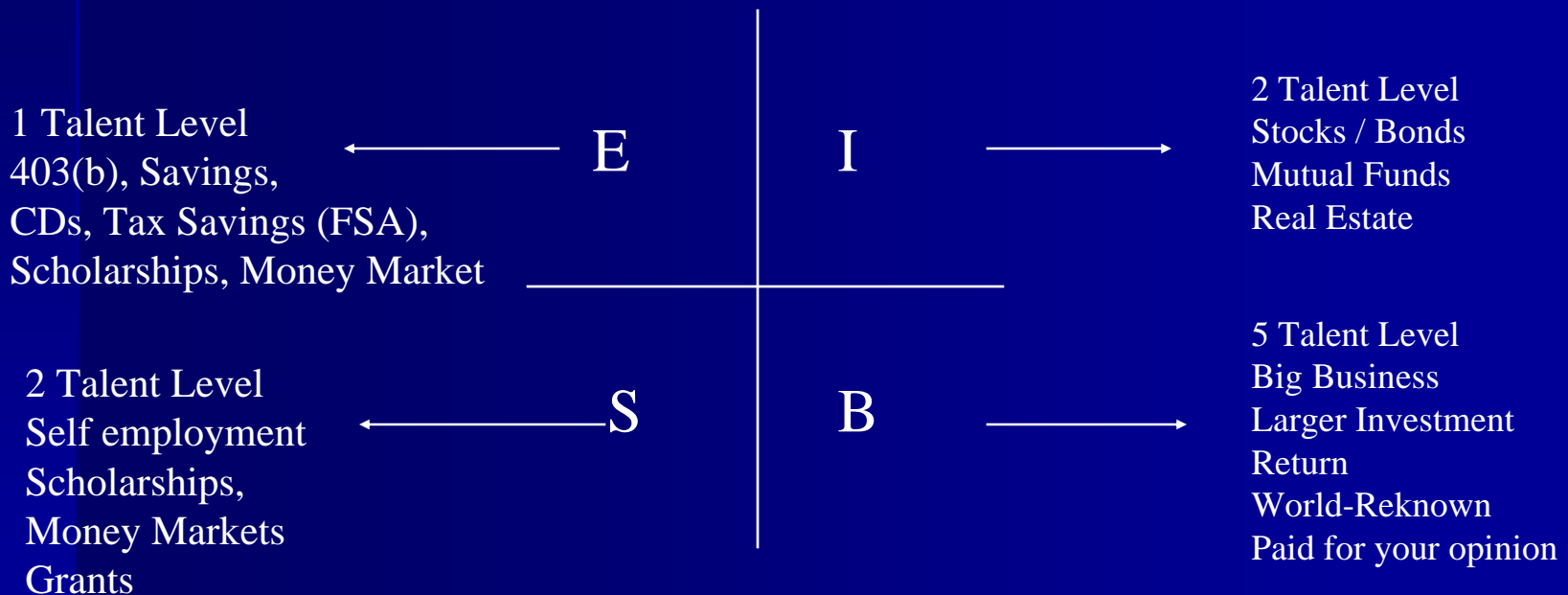
Discipline: Pray and Plan

- Proverbs 27:23 Know the state of your flock
 - Reporting
 - Budgeting
 - Planning
 - Forecasting
- Proverbs 21:5 The thoughts of the diligent tend only to plenteousness, but everyone impatient and hasty hastens only to want.

Tools of the Trade

Work whatever level you're on.....Matthew 25:14-28 God expects you to increase on every level

Taken from Robert Kiyosaki



What's HOT

- IRS 2009 "Dirty Dozen" Tax Scams
 - Abuse of charitable organizations and deductions
 - UBIT
 - Conflict of Interest
 - Transactions with interested parties
 - *Ex. church purchases home for Pastor and Pastor takes the mortgage interest deduction*
 - Valuation on non-cash gifts

Financial Success Formula

- Hear God and Obey
- Faith without proof is fake.