

**THEME:** FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP FOR THE WEALTHY PLACE  
**TOPIC:** THE PRINCIPLE OF FINANCIAL ORDER & PLANNING  
**TEXT:** LUKE 14:28, 1 CORINTHIANS 14:40, PROVERBS 21:5

## INTRODUCTION

Many believers pray for financial increase but fail to prepare the structure required to sustain it.

**Order is the container of blessing.**

Without financial order, increase becomes a burden instead of a blessing.

The principle is simple: **“God does not fund confusion.”**

## CORE TRUTH ON THE PRINCIPLE OF FINANCIAL ORDER & PLANNING

**“God blesses organized finances, not financial chaos”.**

Financial growth is not only about **faith** — it’s about **order**.

**God multiplies what is managed, not what is mismanaged.**

## KEY TEACHING ON THE CORE TRUTH

**1. Budgeting Is a Spiritual Discipline – Scripture teaches that planning is not optional — it is wisdom.**

- **Proverbs 24:3–4** — “Through wisdom a house is built... by knowledge the rooms...”
- **Proverbs 27:23** — “Be diligent to know the state of your flocks...” (Ancient budgeting).
- **Luke 16:10** — Faithfulness in little qualifies you for more.

### Key Teaching

- A budget is not financial restriction; it is financial direction.
- Budgeting helps you tell money where to go, instead of asking where it went.
- Discipline today creates freedom tomorrow.

### Illustration

- A pilot would never take flight without a flight plan.
- Likewise, believers should not navigate finances without a plan.

## 2. Disorder Repels Abundance

Chaos consumes resources — order multiplies them.

- **Proverbs 21:20** — Wise people store and plan; foolish people spend everything.
- **Haggai 1:6** — A vivid picture of financial disorder: *“You earn wages but put them into bags..”*

**Illustration: A leaking bucket cannot retain water no matter how much is poured in.**

Disorganized finances leak through:

- Emotional spending, No record keeping, No savings, No budget, No discipline.

### Key Teaching

Before God sends more, He requires stewardship of what we already have.

## 3. Planning Reflects the Wisdom of God

**Luke 14:28 — Jesus praises planning:**

“Which of you... does not sit down first and count the cost...?”

Planning is not lack of faith — **It is proof of divine wisdom.**

- **Jeremiah 29:11** — God is a planner; He expects His people to plan too.
- **Proverbs 16:3** — commit your plans to the Lord.

## **Practical Principles**

- Create monthly and annual financial plans.
- Plan your giving, savings, and spending intentionally.
- Set financial goals aligned with God's wisdom.

## **4. God Supplies Provision, But Humans Must Supply Structure — 1 Corinthians 14:40**

God always organizes before He blesses (Order).

### **Examples from Scripture**

- Before feeding the 5,000, Jesus said: "Make the people sit down in groups." (**Mark 6:39–40**)  
→ Order came before multiplication.
- Joseph created a 7-year storage plan before famine came (**Genesis 41:25-32**)  
→ Planning preserved a nation.

Provision flows through structure. — Where there is no structure → there is no sustainability.

## **CASE STUDY: THE CHAOTIC ENTREPRENEUR**

**A skilled entrepreneur earns well but cannot save.**

**He keeps no records, no budget, no logs and no receipts.**

**When investors ask for documentation, he has none — so funding is denied.**

**Key Teaching: God supplies provision, but man must supply structure.**

Without order, opportunities are lost.

## **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS & LESSONS LEARNT**

1. Why does disorder repel abundance?  
→ God promotes stewardship, not disorder.
2. Is budgeting spiritual or secular? Why?  
→ Budgeting is not secular — it is spiritual wisdom.
3. How does financial planning demonstrate godly wisdom?  
→ Planning invites divine partnership.
4. What financial leaks can you identify in your life right now?  
→ Financial leaks must be identified and sealed.
5. How does order produce peace in your financial life?  
→ Order creates peace, confidence, and stability.

## **DECLARATION**

**"My finances are ordered, disciplined, and productive. I walk in wisdom, not chaos.**

**God's abundance flows through the order I create."**

## **CONCLUSION**

Financial breakthrough is not just about income — it is about order, structure, discipline, and planning.

- Where there is order, God sends increase.
- Where there is stewardship, God releases supply.
- Where there is planning, God breathes success.

You don't need a miracle; sometimes, you simply need management. If you organize what you HAVE, God can trust you with what you WANT.