

September 25, 2022 Scripture: Proverbs 13:11, Matt.25:14-26. Title: Save All You Can.

Introduction: Wesley said, “do not waste any of your gains, but live simply and carefully.” Matthew 25:14-26 talks about the parable of talents. A talent is a lot of money. I have heard anything from one year’s wage to \$1.25 million dollars. Hence, for this rich man, this Lord, to entrust his “servants” this amount of money is beyond imagination.

I. Save for emergencies.

Bankrate survey shows only about 4 in 10 Americans have enough savings to cover an unplanned expense of \$1,000, meaning more than 1/2 would need to find other means to pay for an unexpected emergency such as car repairs, hospital expenses, etc.

Greg McBride, CFA, chief financial analyst for Bankrate says, “While the ability to cover an unplanned \$1,000 expense from savings is the best, we have seen over the past eight years, the majority of Americans still cannot afford to do so”.

II. Plans for saving:

1. Piggy Bank



2. 10-10-80. Give 10% to the charity or Church. Save 10% for the future; use 80% to pay bills.

10-10-80 plan:

1. Make an honest assessment of your financial expenses.
2. Reduce your debt.
3. Reduce your possessions.
4. Simplify your spending.
5. Have a list of items you need when you go shopping.
6. Do not go shopping for food when you are hungry.

Hebrews 13:8, “Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.”