

## ABC's of Financial Freedom C = Your Choices Matter...Make a Difference Today

*Luke 12:13-21, 32-34*

### Sermon Series Summary

Have you ever wanted to live a life where you were debt free? Do you want to turn things around in your life and be free from the bondage that consumes your time, talent, and treasure? You can! This series is not just another "how-to" series. It is a "Why not?" series. Why not live a debt free life when it comes to your time, talent, and treasure? Why not manage your life God's way? It is practical, effective, and timeless. The ABC's of Financial Freedom serves as a roadmap to get you where you want to be when it comes to living a life of freedom!

### Main Text

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<sup>32</sup>"Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. <sup>33</sup>Sell your possessions, and give to the needy. Provide yourselves with moneybags that do not grow old, with a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches and no moth destroys. <sup>34</sup>For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

### Big Idea – Choose Wisely: God Honoring Choices Today Bring God Honoring Results Tomorrow

#### Three Steps in Making God-Honoring Choices

##### Step #1 – Prepare Today

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##### Step #1 – Prepare Today for Temptation Tomorrow: Guard Your Heart, Guard Your Life

##### Step #2 – Priorities Matter

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**Step #2 – Priorities Matter: Right Priorities Bring Right Action and Right Results**

**Step #3 – Right Action is Required**

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**Step #3 – Right Action is Required: Choose to Pursue God’s Will God’s Way and You Will Reap the Right Reward**

**Memory Verse**

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**Luke 12:15b** (ESV) – For one’s life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions...

**Challenge:**

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You are called to consistently apply the divine principles and truths found in the Word of God. Take the next step in your study by (1) Discussing and applying the sermon with your small group, (2) Participating in a Sunday School class, or (3) Study through the study guide found at the Welcome Center.