

THE STRUGGLE IS REAL

#ISTRUGGLEWITHMANAGINGMONEY

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- **How do you know if “you are managing money” or “money is managing you”?**

- Some signs that you are managing God’s money -

1. Spending decisions are planned and prayerful.

2. You prioritize your use of money- giving, savings, debt, taxes, THEN living.

3. You don’t constantly compare what you have to your neighbors/friends/family.

- Signs that money is managing you -

1. Your first priority is living not giving.

2. Quick, reactive spending.

3. You feel like you never have funds to give or save.

4. You prioritize your use of money: living, taxes, growing debt, little to no savings or giving to Jesus. (Matthew 6:19-21 NLT, Mathew 6:24 NLT)

- **One of the 5 characteristics of a transformer is generosity. How does active participation and understanding of generosity help in our struggle with money?**

1. Giving leads to contentment. (Acts 20:35, Philippians 4:11-13 NIV)

2. Giving is a great antidote to greed. (1 Corinthians 6:9-11 NLT)

3. Giving is a ministry that expresses your thankfulness to God and meets the needs of others. (2 Corinthians 8:9 NLT, 2 Corinthians 9:12 NLT)

Soul-tattoo: Trust God and manage God’s money His way as an act of worship. (Philippians 4:19 NIV)