

V. HONOR GOD AS A **PLANNER**

*“The plans of the diligent lead surely to plenty, But those of everyone who is hasty, surely to poverty.”* Proverbs 21:5

*“23 Be diligent to know the state of your flocks, And attend to your herds;*

*24 For riches are not forever, Nor does a crown endure to all generations.”* Proverbs 27:23-24

Four basic essentials you need to know:

- what you **owe**
- what you **own**
- what you **earn**
- where it **goes**

*“28 For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not sit down first and count the cost, whether he has enough to finish it—*

*29 lest, after he has laid the foundation, and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him,*

*30 saying, ‘This man began to build and was not able to finish?’”* Luke 14:28-30

*“27 Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due, When it is in the power of your hand to do so.*

*28 Do not say to your neighbor, “Go, and come back, And tomorrow I will give it,” When you have it with you.”*

Proverbs 3:27-28

*“The rich rules over the poor, And the borrower is servant to the lender.”*

Proverbs 22:7

**STEP UP: TAKING YOUR LIFE TO THE NEXT LEVEL**

Step Up For Finances  
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**INTRODUCTION**

**A.** Are you ready to take your life to the next level in the New Year? Action is required to make that happen, you must step up! Right now there is a lot of advice going around about how to change and improve your life. However, the best source and the only perfect source is found in the Bible.

*“Direct my steps by Your word, And let no iniquity have dominion over me.”* Psalm 119:133

**B.** In this series you are going to learn from the Bible what you can do to take your life to the next level in six specific areas.

Jan 3	Step Up For God
Jan 10	Step Up For Faith
Jan 17	Step Up For Health
Jan 31	Step Up For Finances
Feb 7	Step Up For Generosity
Feb 14	Step Up For Church

Come and hear these messages and discover what actions are needed to take your life to the next level!

**C. TEXT:** Proverbs 3:9 (Pew Bible/Pg. 618/Old Testament)

**STEP UP FOR FINANCES IN THE NEW YEAR**

*“For His eyes are on the ways of man, And He sees all his steps.”*

Job 34:21

## HOW TO STEP UP FOR FINANCES

### I. HONOR GOD AS THE OWNER

*“The earth is the LORD’s, and all its fullness, The world and those who dwell therein.”*  
Psalm 24:1

*“The silver is Mine, and the gold is Mine,” says the LORD of hosts.”*  
Haggai 2:8

### II. HONOR GOD AS THE PROVIDER

*“And you shall remember the LORD your God, for it is He who gives you power to get wealth, that He may establish His covenant which He swore to your fathers, as it is this day.”*  
Deuteronomy 8:18

*“Moreover it is required in stewards that one be found faithful.”*  
I Corinthians 4:2

*“For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, for which some have strayed from the faith in their greediness, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.”*  
I Timothy 6:10

### III. HONOR GOD AS THE JUDGE

*“For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.”*  
II Corinthians 5:10

*“16 Then He spoke a parable to them, saying: “The ground of a certain rich man yielded plentifully.*

*17 And he thought within himself, saying, ‘What shall I do, since I have no room to store my crops?’*

*18 So he said, ‘I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build greater, and there I will store all my crops and my goods.*

*19 And I will say to my soul, “Soul, you have many goods laid up for many years; take your ease; eat, drink, and be merry.”’*

*20 But God said to him, ‘Fool! This night your soul will be required of you; then whose will those things be which you have provided?’*

*21 “So is he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God.”*  
Luke 12:16-21

### IV. HONOR GOD AS A TITHER

*“And all the tithe of the land, whether of the seed of the land or of the fruit of the tree, is the LORD’s. It is holy to the LORD.”*  
Leviticus 27:30

*“8 Will a man rob God? Yet you have robbed Me! But you say, ‘In what way have we robbed You?’ In tithes and offerings. 9 You are cursed with a curse, For you have robbed Me, Even this whole nation.*

*10 Bring all the tithes into the storehouse, That there may be food in My house, And try Me now in this,” Says the LORD of hosts, “If I will not open for you the windows of heaven And pour out for you such blessing That there will not be room enough to receive it.”*  
Malachi 3:8-10