

## Guardrails - "Money"

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Luke 12:15

**Guardrails Definition** – A system designed to keep *people* or vehicles from straying into *dangerous* or *off-limits* areas.

**Guardrails Principle** – Guardrails are designed not to keep us from something good, but to keep us from something bad.

### 3 Guardrails that will keep us from going over the cliff financially:

1. Give 10%
2. Save 10%
3. Spend 80%

### 3 Financial Principles:

1. The principle of accounting.

*"Be sure you know the condition of your flocks, give careful attention to your herds; for riches do not endure forever and a crown is not secure for all generations."*

Proverbs 27:23-24 NIV

2. The principle of budgeting.

*"Plan carefully and you'll have plenty.  
But if you act too quickly you will never have enough."*

Proverbs 21:5 GNT

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3. The principle of contentment.

*"It is better to be satisfied with what you have than always to be wanting something more."*

Ecclesiastes 6:9 GNT

*\* While the title and theme of this series is taken from Andy Stanley's series on the same, the topics and content are original.*

### My Next Steps:

1. For the next 4 months, I/we will trust God and start giving or will increase my percentage giving to FishHawk Fellowship .
2. For the month of May, I/we will keep track and try to lower my/our expenses in order to create some financial margin.
3. For the next 4 months, I/we will try to live on 80% of our family income.
4. This week, I will memorize Luke 12:15, "Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; a man's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions."

### Today's Worship Songs:

Found In You - Vertical Church  
Great Great God - Gateway Worship

Scandal of Grace - Hillsong United  
Alabaster Jar - Gateway Worship



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