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One of the problems with a dollar is that it only spends one time. Often we may not realize that saying yes to one purchase may mean that we are saying no to another. Impulse spending or pressured purchasing is seldom a good investment of resources. God expects us to be stewards, not only of what we see as His money, but also of that we call our own.

Many times the reason why we cannot afford to buy what we want is because we already bought ourselves what we wanted. The problem is we may not want what we bought any more, or at least not as much as we want what we want now! Somewhere we must get control of spending. Do you have control of your spending, or does it have control over you? God can help!

*Prayer for Today*

Father, deliver me from the snares of life, especially in the area of finances. Show me how to get a spending plan that will make me a better steward of the blessings You wish to pour out on me. Fill my treasuries with Your riches and make me able to be a blessing to others.

*Scriptures for Today*

Proverbs 10:4 He who has a slack hand becomes poor, But the hand of the diligent makes rich. (NKJV)

Proverbs 10:22 The blessing of the LORD makes one rich, And He adds no sorrow with it. (NKJV)

Proverbs 3:9-10 Honor the LORD with your possessions, And with the first fruits of all your increase; So your barns will be filled with plenty, And your vats will overflow with new wine. (NKJV)