

# Living At Peace With Your Finances

*There are so many different ways that you can lean into becoming a good steward and honoring God with the resources He's entrusted to you. Here are just a few ideas to get you thinking...*

## Save Money

\* **Start budgeting.** If you aren't already, keep a budget and track where every penny goes. You can use a free app like [Mint](#) or [Every Dollar](#).

\* **Pray over every purchase.** It's a great habit to get into and can be an excellent way to curb impulse spending.

\* **Create an automatic savings deduction.** If you're struggling to start saving regularly, consider setting up an automatic draft to your savings account each week.

\* **Use coupons.** This takes a bit of time and planning, but you could begin to see significant savings if you do it weekly.

\* **Skip the sales.** If you weren't planning on buying the item in the first place, it isn't really a "good deal."

\* **Cancel unused memberships.** As you start budgeting, you'll begin to see unnecessary expenses you can easily let go of.

\* **Borrow instead of buy.** Look for ways to borrow items such as books and music from your local library or your neighbors' tools.

# Earn Money

\* **Sell extra stuff online.** Your house will be tidier, and you'll get some extra cash, too!

\* **Use rebate apps.** Before you make a big purchase, spend a few minutes looking for possible rebates you can fill out.

\* **Become a driver.** If you have a vehicle and want to make extra cash, sign up to become a driver through a service like [Uber](#) or [Lyft](#).

\* **Create an online business.** If you have skills like web development or copywriting, consider picking up some freelance work online.

\* **Make your own products.** Put your graphic design skills to work for you on a site like [RedBubble](#) or [CafePress](#).

\* **Become a pet sitter.** You can sign up through a website like [Rover](#) and begin dog (or cat!) sitting loveable pets in your town!

\* **Try tutoring.** If you have a passion for helping other people learn, you might make an ideal tutor. There are dozens of sites online that will help you connect with potential students who need you!

## Share Your Resources

\* **Leave fresh flowers on someone's car.** It can be a family member, friend, or even a perfect stranger. You decide!

\* **Buy a meal for a public servant.** This could be a police officer, firefighter, or postal employee.

\* **Pause and talk to a homeless person.** Remember, Jesus had no home in the final years of His life.

\* **Volunteer to help out somewhere you usually wouldn't.** Ask God to give you the courage to step outside your comfort zone.

\* **Do yardwork for a neighbor who's sick or injured.** You may want to get permission first!

\* **Buy groceries for the person in line behind you.** You never know who you might end up blessing!

\* **Drop an encouraging note in the mail.** Pick someone you haven't seen in a few months and put a funny card in the mail along with a kind word.

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