

The assignment given: Upload a single-spaced, 12 point font, 1½ – 2 page response to the following. The page restriction will force you to be precise and concise. Avoid flowery/preachy language and “stories.” Your goal is written communication that is clear, concise, thorough (as appropriate for the page length), and logical/well-supported. These are the criteria upon which you will be evaluated. You are expected to proofread and revise multiple times (indicate the number of revisions at the end of your paper).

Express your (biblically-supported) position on accumulating wealth/spending money. Pat answers, vague generalizations, and poor/unclear communication will not earn good grades. A strong paper will present a position that can be used to help make practical, wise, biblical financial decisions. Do not include discussion on participating in clearly illegal/immoral activities. Focus instead on the principles that you will need to make wise financial decisions in the future.

Consider addressing topics like deciding what is a necessity vs. a want vs. a want that reaps additional benefits/efficiencies, buying “treats”/houses/cars/possessions, determining when to take on debt and how to pay it off, preparing for retirement, determining an appropriate standard of living for when you “start out” in life, financially sacrificing things that you want for the sake of _____, etc.

Proper biblical support of a claim will include a biblical principle, making it clear how that principle applies to the situation at hand, and at least one reference that teaches us about that principle (avoid “proof-texts” and make minimal use of Proverbs). Due to the length of the paper, do not include the text of any Bible verses.

Your submission is being evaluated based on the following:

1. (~ 12%) Communication

Clear/concise communication, readability, etc.

F — D⁻ — D — D⁺ — C⁻ — C — C⁺ — B⁻ — B — B⁺ — A⁻ — A — A⁺

2. (~ 64%) Logical, well-supported (biblically) specific principles applied to relevant, substantial, non-trivial decisions

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3. (~ 24%) Focus of the paper is on making wise decisions; providing all of the pieces needed to tell you which decision you should make after weighing the options

F — D⁻ — D — D⁺ — C⁻ — C — C⁺ — B⁻ — B — B⁺ — A⁻ — A — A⁺

Overall grade:

F — D⁻ — D — D⁺ — C⁻ — C — C⁺ — B⁻ — B — B⁺ — A⁻ — A — A⁺

Penalty: poor presentation, failure to follow directions, noticeable failure to revise/proofread, etc.

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