

The image features a blue background with a subtle circuit board pattern. A central black rectangular box with rounded corners contains the text in white. The text is arranged in two lines, with the first line being larger than the second. The overall aesthetic is clean and modern, suggesting a focus on technology and finance.

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1. We Need Money...But We
Need to Manage Ourselves
First

*(Galatians 5:22-26;
2 Timothy 1:7)*

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Gal. 5:22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,

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²³ gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.

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²⁴ And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

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25 If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit.

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**26 Let us not become
conceited, provoking
one another, envying
one another.**

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2 Timothy 1:7 for God gave
us a spirit not of fear
but of power and love
and self-control.

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2. Get On a Budget (A Real One)

(Luke 14:28-30)

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Luke 14:28 **For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it?**

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29 Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him,

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³⁰ saying, 'This man began to build and was not able to finish.'

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**3. Smart Financial
Decisions and Hard
Work = Success!**

(Ecclesiastes 5:18-19)

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Ecccl. 5:18 Behold, what I have seen to be good and fitting is to eat and drink and find enjoyment in all the toil with which one toils under the sun the few days of his life that God has given him, for this is his lot.

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19 Everyone also to whom God has given wealth and possessions and power to enjoy them, and to accept his lot and rejoice in his toil—this is the gift of God.

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4. The Best Financial
Plan Ever? God's!
(2 Cor. 9:6-11)

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2 Cor. 9:6 **The point is this:
whoever sows sparingly will
also reap sparingly, and
whoever sows bountifully will
also reap bountifully.**

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⁷ Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

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⁸ And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work.

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⁹ As it is written, “He has distributed freely, he has given to the poor; his righteousness endures forever.”

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¹⁰ He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness.

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11 You will be enriched in every way to be generous in every way, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God.

A person is holding a bouquet of white daisies with yellow centers. The person is wearing a dark blue long-sleeved shirt. The background is a soft, out-of-focus brown. The text "BLESSED TO BE A" is written in a white, uppercase, sans-serif font. Below it, the word "Blessing" is written in a white, elegant cursive script font. The overall mood is warm and sentimental.

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Blessing