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“Strategic Reserves” (2)

*“Precious treasure and oil are in a wise man’s dwelling, but a foolish man devours it.”
(Proverbs 21:20)*

Stockpiling Strategies:

(1) Die-Hard Discipline

Leviticus 24:1-4 – (1) “The LORD spoke to Moses, saying, (2) ‘Command the people of Israel to bring you pure oil from beaten olives for the lamp, that a light may be kept burning regularly. (3) Outside the veil of the testimony, in the tent of meeting, Aaron shall arrange it from evening to morning before the LORD regularly. It shall be a statute forever throughout your generations. (4) He shall arrange the lamps on the lampstand of pure gold before the LORD regularly.’”

Active Discipline

1 Corinthians 9:22-23, 25, 27 – (22) “To the weak I became weak, that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that by all means I might save some. (23) I do it all for the sake of the gospel, that I may share with them in its blessings. (25) Every athlete exercises self-control in all things. They do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable. (27) But I discipline my body and keep it under control, lest after preaching to others I myself should be disqualified.”

Passive Discipline

2 Corinthians 12:7-10 – (7) “So to keep me from being too elated by the surpassing greatness of the revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to harass me, to keep me from being too elated. (8) Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me. (9) But he said to me, ‘My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.’ Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. (10) For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong.”

Hebrews 12:11 – “For the moment all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.”

Key Point: Disciples Pay Today for Reserves that never Fade
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Thoughts:

Children live to play all day...

“Woe to you, O land, when your king is a child, and your princes feast in the morning!” (Ecclesiastes 10:16)

Noble ones choose a balanced way

“Happy are you, O land, when your king is the son of the nobility, and your princes feast at the proper time, for strength, and not for drunkenness!”
(Ecclesiastes 10:17)

Questions:

What impacted me the most in this message?

Have I learned to discern between the essential and the nonessential?
(Heb. 5:14)

Am I led by the Spirit or driven by appetites? (Gal. 5:18, 25; Phil. 3:19)

Do I deny myself to discipline myself? (John 12:25; Eccl. 2:10)