

# Market Turmoil and a Biblical Response

## Message Points in Economic Uncertainty

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Fear is a normal human response to economic uncertainty.

Faith and Truth are the best ways to combat fear.

- Faith in God as the Owner, Provider, and Protector in our lives
- Practicing biblical financial wisdom (Truth) in our financial choices

Economic uncertainty is certain. There has never been a time period or a culture that has escaped cycles of financial uncertainty in its history.

The only thing we have control over is our checkbook (our financial priorities and choices).

We can be a thermometer (measuring what is going on, but having no control over the environment) or a thermostat (controlling the environment) as we choose our focus and make our financial choices.

Biblical financial principles will apply in any economic scenario:

- spend less than you earn
- avoid debt
- maintain some liquidity
- set long-term goals
- give generously

Biblical principles of investing will apply in any economic scenario:

- maintain a long-term perspective (Luke 14:28)
- seek wise counsel (Proverbs 19:20-21)
- diversify (Ecclesiastes 11:1-2)
- monitor your anxiety (Philippians 4:6-7)

To be financially free, we must recognize that God owns it all (Psalm 24:1) and steward his resources with an open hand.