

# “How to Survive the Coming Economic Crisis: How to Survive Your Own Financial Crisis”

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## » A story of two brothers or sisters

- Luke 10:38-42
  - Distraction #1— \_\_\_\_\_
  - Distraction #2— \_\_\_\_\_
    - The average adult spends \_\_\_\_\_ hours online per day.
    - The average teen spends \_\_\_\_\_ hours online per day.
    - UC Irvine study discovered it takes us \_\_\_\_\_ to get back on track after we’ve been distracted (whether in class or at work).
  - Distraction #3— \_\_\_\_\_

## » The WOW numbers

- [www.usatoday.com/story/money/personalfinance/2019/03/12/national-debt-rises-the-next-financial-crisis-may-be-your-own/3102507002/](http://www.usatoday.com/story/money/personalfinance/2019/03/12/national-debt-rises-the-next-financial-crisis-may-be-your-own/3102507002/)
- \_\_\_\_\_ credit cards are now in circulation in the U.S.
- Consumer debt last year (auto loans, student loans, personal loans, credit cards/not mortgages) hit a new high— just over \$ \_\_\_\_\_.
- (How much is a trillion dollars? If you spent one dollar per second, in a day you would spend \$86,400. Over the course of a year, your spending would come to more than \$31.5 million. At that rate of spending, it would take you over \_\_\_\_\_ years to spend one trillion dollars.)
- Consumer spending in the U.S. (food, gas, clothing, mortgages, electronics) last year set a new record: \$ \_\_\_\_\_.
- Joshua Becker, “Becoming Minimalist” blog: “The numbers paint a jarring picture of excessive consumption and unnecessary accumulation. Fortunately, the solution is not difficult. The invitation to own less is an invitation to freedom, intentionality, and passion. And it can be discovered at your nearest drop-off center.” (<https://www.becoming-minimalist.com/clutter-stats/>)
- Dietrich Bonhoeffer: “Earthly gifts are given to be used, not to be \_\_\_\_\_ . . . . [T]he disciple must receive his portion from God every day. If he stores it up as a permanent possession, he spoils not only the gift, but \_\_\_\_\_ as well, for he sets his heart on his accumulated wealth, and makes it a barrier between himself and God. Where our treasure is, there is our trust, our security, our consolation and our God. \_\_\_\_\_ is idolatry.” (*Cost of Discipleship* 194)

## » #1 Life Principle—Make God \_\_\_\_\_.

- Matthew 6:33
  - Father Abraham—“Then Abram gave him [the priest Melchizedek] a tenth of everything.” (Genesis 14:20)
  - Grandson Jacob—“And of all that You give me I will give You a tenth.” (Genesis 28:22)
  - Lord Jesus—“This you ought to have done [tithing], without leaving the other undone [loving].” (Matthew 23:23)
- Malachi 3:10-12, 8-9

- “O God, I make You my C-suite Lord!”
- *Desire of Ages*: “Satan has represented God as selfish and oppressive, as claiming all, and giving nothing, as requiring the service of His creatures for His own glory, and making no sacrifice for their good. But the gift of Christ reveals the Father’s heart. . . . Having undertaken our redemption, He will spare nothing, however dear, which is necessary to the completion of His work. . . . Favor is heaped upon favor, gift upon gift. The \_\_\_\_\_ treasury of heaven is open to those He seeks to save. Having collected the riches of the universe, and laid open the resources of infinite power, He gives them all into the hands of Christ, and says, All these are for man. Use these gifts to convince him that there is no love greater than Mine in earth or heaven. His greatest happiness will be found in loving Me.” (57)

*Make God First*