



# Managing GOD's Money

**T**oday I continue discussing the **Capital Fund**—targeted savings to buy for cash under Jesus' direction all items except a home. It is the credit card alternative.

Repay credit card balances and other consumer debts, then start the **capital fund**. The temptation to neglect the **capital fund** will be great. Urgent, nonessential items will arise. Stand firm; lean on Jesus! Turn away from slick, seductive advertising or cheap financing offers!

At your next salary raise or when you get extra funds, ask Jesus to show you how to divide them; specifically how much to put in the **capital fund**.

The **capital fund** is excellent to train children to save to buy items. Be their example—follow this path! Set aside at least 50% of funds you get for your children. As they grow older, encourage your children to save for specific items, after giving to the Lord. Don't lend them money. At a suitable age, which will vary for each child, develop with each child, his or her **capital fund's** purpose such as saving to pay cash for:

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. A Camera, bicycle, computer, other consumer items</li> <li>2. Education expenses—remove the need for student loans</li> <li>3. Engagement and wedding rings</li> <li>4. Down payment on a home</li> <li>5. A car</li> </ol> |
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Identify items to include in your capital fund then fill in the **Capital Fund Calculation Form** below, which also is on this website:

<http://www.managinggodsmoney.com/index.shtml>

## Capital Fund Calculation Form

Description	\$ to Save (Today's Estimate)	Years Before Funds Needed	\$ To Save Yearly	\$ To Save Monthly
Car	\$ 7500	5	$\$7,500 \div 5 = \$1,500$	$\$1,500 \div 12 = \$125$
Fridge	\$ 1,200	12	$\$1,200 \div 12 = \$100$	$\$100 \div 12 = \$8$

The second column on your left, amount to save, **\$7,500 for the car**, should be **today's** estimate of the car you plan to buy to replace your current car. We get the amount to save yearly by dividing \$7,500 by five, the years before you replace the car. The last column shows the monthly amount to save.

Think of this monthly amount as your permanent car payment excluding interest. When you replace the car, you continue saving so you will not have to borrow to buy the next car. You might be thinking, "but I can't afford to do this!" Think about how much you spend when you borrow. You pay much more than capital fund savings because you pay large interest costs. When you follow the Capital Fund procedure, not only do you save interest costs, but your stress level will reduce.

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A rough guide to decide if you should save for an item in your **capital fund** is how often you might replace or repair it. Save for items with life cycles over two years, or other expenses that recur at least every two years. In other words, include in your **capital fund**, expenses you would not include in your yearly budget.

Review your **capital fund** yearly using the **Capital Fund Calculation Form**. Read Genesis Chapter 41 before each review, which should address questions such as:

1. Should you add or delete items?
2. Should you stop saving for a specific item, either because it's no longer needed or you have saved enough?
3. Should you change planned expenses' timing?
4. Should an item's "amount to save", change to show realistic prices?
5. Are you listening to and depending on God, or have you shifted your dependency to the capital fund?

Adjust monthly contributions only after thorough evaluation and prayer. Trust in the Lord, not the Capital Fund. Meditate on Psalm 20:7

**Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but we trust in the name of the LORD our God --- Psalm 20:7**

Next time we look at saving for children's education. God bless and remember Jesus loves you.

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