

[6] So humble yourselves under the mighty power of God, and at the right time he will lift you up in honor.

Two of the hobbies that I have enjoyed the most are shooting and fishing but my bank account did not. For several years in my early to mid 20s these hobbies ate most of my paychecks. Then in my mid 20s thankfully got on me about moving out and buying a house. This led me to adopt a frugal lifestyle.

At the time this happened I felt I was in a competition to have the nicest rod or have the coolest scope and when I first went on budget I was upset because I no longer had a new toy to show to my friends every time we did a range day.

Thankfully the Holy Spirit did a work on me and I don't feel the need to buy things to impress others and this is so freeing.

First, I find I enjoy the hobby more because my focus is on the community or spending time in nature. Before I was always stressed trying to buy the next thing and being in some comparison game. The other thing that frugality does is it allows you to do the practice or generosity better by giving you more margin.

This can be both to your church or charities, but maybe when it comes to hobbies being able to help young people get involved in the things you enjoy. In my experience the rush of helping a kid get his first fish is far more enjoyable than showing your buddy the expensive rod you bought. And I am glad God has shown me this.

Dear God, help me learn to love being frugal and appreciate the simple things in life And humble me and remove my pride in trying to be better than others in Jesus name. Amen.

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