

KEY VERSES

Philippians 4:19 NIV - *And my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus.*

3 John 1:2 KJV - *Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth.*

Luke 6:38 ESV - *Give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you.*

OWNERSHIP AND PARTNERSHIP

NOTES

- Ownership: True disciples of Jesus have settled the issue of personal ownership. Your life is not your own. You have been bought with a price.

Romans 14:7, 8 NIV - *For none of us lives to himself alone and none of us dies to himself alone. v.8 If we live, we live to the Lord; and if we die, we die to the Lord. So, whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord.*

- Partnership: God has called us to partner with Him and with one another in establishing His Kingdom and advancing His will on the Earth.

1 Corinthians 3:9 KJV - *For we are labourers together with God...*

Philippians 1:3,5 NIV - *I thank my God every time I remember you... because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now.*

FOUR ATTITUDES FOR A BALANCED APPROACH TO FINANCES

1. Be _____ and not covetous.

1 Timothy 6:6-8 NIV - *But godliness with contentment is great gain. v.7 For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. v.8 But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that.*

2. Trust in God and not _____.

Proverbs 11:28 NIV - *Whoever trusts in his riches will fall, but the righteous will thrive like a green leaf.*

3. Be Generous and not _____.

Proverbs 11:24, 25 NIV - *One man gives freely, yet gains even more; another withholds unduly, but comes to poverty. v.25 A generous man will prosper; he who refreshes others will himself be refreshed.*

4. Always Walk in _____ and not Fear.

2 Corinthians 9:6 NIV - *Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously.*

- God responds to faith and not fear. If you hoard out of the fear you'll never have enough.
- We are called to be a resource for God's Kingdom.

2 Corinthians 9:10 NLT - *For God is the one who provides seed for the farmer and then bread to eat. In the same way, he will provide and increase your resources and then produce a great harvest of generosity in you.*

SEVEN BIBLICAL BASICS FOR HANDLING YOUR MONEY

1. _____ the first 10 percent of your income.

Malachi 3:10 NIV - *"Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the Lord Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it."*

- The tithe is the beginning point for managing your finances as a Christian.
- Speaking to the Pharisees, Jesus makes a statement about tithing:

Matthew 23:23 NIV - *Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You give a tenth of your spices—mint, dill and cumin. But you have neglected the more important matters of the law—justice, mercy, and faithfulness. You should have practiced the latter, without neglecting the former.*

2. _____ a percentage of your monthly income.

Proverbs 21:20 NIV - *In the house of the wise are stores of choice food and oil, but a foolish man devours all he has.*

3. Create a _____.

- A budget is a plan for prosperity not poverty.

10/10/80 Rule

4. Avoid _____ on depreciating things.

Proverbs 22:7 NIV - *The rich rule over the poor, and the borrower is servant to the lender.*

5. Be _____ and diligent.

2 Thessalonians 3:10-12 NIV - *For even when we were with you, we gave you this rule: "If a man will not work, he shall not eat." v.11 We hear that some among you are idle. They are not busy; they are busybodies. v.12 Such people we command and urge in the Lord Jesus Christ to settle down and earn the bread they eat. Be a faithful steward of what God has given you.*

6. Be a _____ of what God has given you.

- In the Parable of the Talents, Jesus taught His disciples to be faithful over little so they can be trusted with more.

Matthew 25:21 ESV - *His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.'*

7. Store up _____ in _____.

Matthew 6:20-21 NIV - *Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth... store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. v.21 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.*

- Every investment you make in the Kingdom of God will be given back to you, if not in this world, then in the world to come.

Faithful stewardship is the essence of discipleship. God is the owner and we are his servants! God is the boss and we are partnering with Him!

GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. Do you tend to walk in faith or fear when it comes to your finances?
2. Do you have a “spending plan” in place? If you have something that works well for you, share it with your group. Could the 10-10-80 plan work for you?
3. Which of the “Seven Biblical Basics for Handling Your Money” are you doing well and which do you need to work on?
4. Have you ever considered that God wants to partner with you and your finances for the Kingdom? How does this change your perspective of how you handle your money?