Training Overview – Session 2

Session Summary: In session 2, Ron Blue shares the beginning of a process for developing a Biblical philosophy of advice and practice. Ron also explores a personal theology of stewardship, a personal theology of work and a transferable process of financial decision-making. The session also addresses the process of changing behavior.

In other words, we want to help you become a disciple of Christ equipped and ______________ to disciple others in Biblical financial stewardship.

Path to Learning:
1. Know
2. ________
3. Do

All ________ is a function of your belief system.

Moving From Knowing to Believing:
1. Thinking
   We must be ______________ to the truth.

   Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God—this is your spiritual act of worship. Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.
   (Romans 12:1-2 NIV)

   For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does. The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.
   (2 Corinthians 10:3-5 NIV)
The words you tell yourself have _______ over your life.
William Backus

If I am getting my truth system out of scripture and I am repeating scripture to myself, these words will ultimately have power over my life.

All behavior is the product of what we choose to _______ or believe...
trying to change behavior without changing what we believe and therefore think, will never produce any lasting results.
Neil Anderson

2. Belief
   a. Belief is a __________ concept.
   b. I can scarcely believe, somewhat believe or strongly believe.
   c. A belief becomes a __________ once it is strongly believed.

   Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. (Hebrews 11:1 NASB)

3. Conviction
   Dictionary - “An unshakable belief in something without need for proof.”

   A conviction is a thought out __________ between yourself and God that governs your behavior.
   Ken Boa

Moving from Believing to Doing

Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like a man who looks at his face in a mirror and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like. But the man who looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues to do this, not forgetting what he has heard, but doing it—he will be blessed in what he does. (James 1:22-25 NIV)

The process of moving from believing to doing is always a _________ step because I am stepping into the unknown.
Model Outline
1. Preview
2. Perspective and Paradigms (Worldview)
3. Principles and Precepts (Biblical Wisdom)
4. ______________ and Understanding
5. Personal Convictions
6. Practice (Application)

Effective Communication is Consistent and Repetitive

The Building Blocks of Wealth Management:
1. Worldview
2. __________
3. Work
4. Wealth

Three Questions Everyone is Asking:
1. How much is ________?
2. Will I ever have enough?
3. Will it continue to be enough?

There Are Only Three Fundamental Questions That Must Be Asked:
1. Who owns it?
2. How much is enough?
3. Is the next ________ chosen and prepared?

Four Processes/Skills to be Mastered:
1. __________ _________
2. Goal Setting
3. Cash Flow Management
4. Wealth Transfer

Five Short-term Uses of Money:
1. ________
2. Taxes
3. Debt Repayment
4. _________/__________
5. Lifestyle Choices
Six Long-term financial goals:
1. Financial Independence
2. __________
3. Starting a Business
4. Dependent Care
   a. Family Needs
   b. College Education
5. __________
   Example: Second Homes, Cars, Travel, Etc.
6. Maximized Giving

There are 7 transcendent Biblical principles of financial planning and decision-making:
1. Four transcendent Biblical Principles of financial planning
2. Three transcendent Biblical principles of financial decision making

Additionally…
1. All areas of financial decision making need to be __________
2. There are at least eight conceptual models that can be used in giving Biblical financial advice

Financial information and alternatives are unlimited.

To illustrate this point, take 15 seconds to find every number on this chart in sequence.
Actually, there is a method to this game. Number one is in the top left quadrant of the chart, number two is in the top right quadrant, number three is in the bottom left quadrant, number four is in the bottom right quadrant and so on. Try to replay the game taking 15 seconds to find every number on this chart in sequence. Did you do better?

Throughout the training, we will give you conceptual models to communicate effectively with clients. Here are two examples:

**LIFE PLANNING BALANCE SHEET**

Issues of Life

Financial Decision Making

Ephesians 5:15–17
Philippians 1:9–10
Training Overview
I. Introduction
   a. Kingdom Advisors Vision/Overview
   b. Training Overview
II. Biblical Core
   a. Worldview/Wisdom
   b. Work & Retirement
   c. My Ministry of Biblical Financial Advice
III. Financial Leadership
   a. Introduction to Leadership
   b. Goal Setting
   c. Life Planning
   d. Decision Making
IV. Biblical Principles of Finance
   a. Biblical Stewardship
   b. Giving
   c. Borrowing/Debt/Bankruptcy
   d. Cash Flow/Lifestyle
   e. Net Worth/Retirement
   f. Insurance
   g. Taxes
   h. Investing

V. Leaving a Legacy
   a. Wealth Transfer
   b. Raising Money Smart Kids

**Ron Blue’s Personal Convictions:**
1. Changing behavior always begins with __________ thinking.
2. The words you tell yourself have the power over your life.
3. All behavior is ultimately a step of __________ determined by my personal convictions.
4. It is imperative to know what my personal convictions are.
5. Effective communication is ___________ and repetitive.
6. There are three fundamental questions every steward must ask and personally answer.

*Please take the time to complete your first pass at your own personal convictions related to this session on the “Personal Convictions Worksheet.”*