

GETTING A GRIP ON YOUR FINANCES

PART ONE

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1. _____ Principle:

Put God _____.

Matthew 6:19-21--Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

How do I put God first?

- _____ and seek His _____.
Jeremiah 33:3--Call to me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know.
Matthew 6:33--But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness...
- Be _____ and _____.
Luke 16:11--If therefore you have not been faithful in the use of worldly wealth, who will entrust the true riches to you?
- Don't allow _____ to compete with _____.
Matthew 6:24--No one can serve two masters. Either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.
- _____ that He owns it all, and we are mere _____ of his resources.
1 Chronicles 29:11,12(LB)--Everything in the heavens and earth is yours, O Lord, and this is your kingdom. We adore you as being in control of everything... it is at your discretion that men are made great and given strength.
Psalm 24:1--The earth is the Lord's and all it contains.
- Give _____ and _____.
2 Corinthians 8:2,3--Out of the most severe trial, their overflowing joy and their extreme poverty welled up in rich generosity. For I testify that they gave as much as they were able, and even beyond their ability...
see also 2 Corinthians 9:6,7; 1 Corinthians 16:2

Quoted Scripture is from the New International Version unless otherwise noted.

Establish a giving BASE in your life:

B _____
A _____
S _____
E _____

Challenge: _____

2. _____ Principle:

Know where you are _____.

Proverbs 21:5(GN)--Plan carefully and you will have plenty; if you act too quickly, you will never have enough.
Proverbs 21:20(GN)--...stupid people spend their money as fast as they get it.

Challenge: _____

3. _____ Principle: _____ and _____ your plan.

Proverbs 27:23--Be sure you know the condition of your flocks, give careful attention to your herds...

Challenge: _____

Small Group Discussion Questions

1. What principles guide your personal finances?
2. Review the points and Bible verses from this lesson. What personal application can you make from this week's teaching?
3. What do you think is the biggest problem people in their personal finances and why? What are the solutions?
4. Take some time right now to pray for the needs of those in your small group.