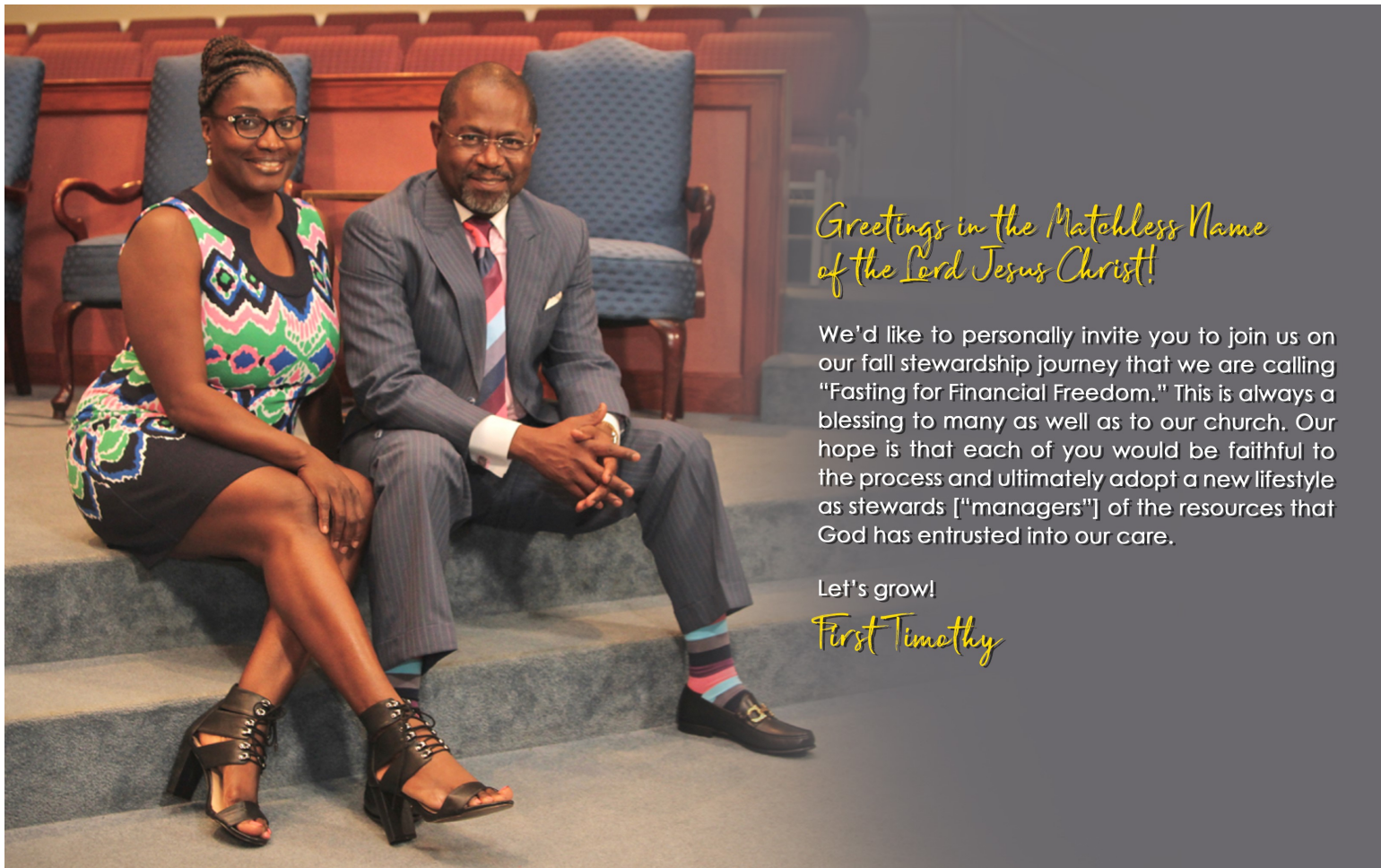




Fasting for
FINANCIAL FREEDOM

SEPTEMBER 1-30

To register text FREE to 318-225-7510



*Greetings in the Matchless Name
of the Lord Jesus Christ!*

We'd like to personally invite you to join us on our fall stewardship journey that we are calling "Fasting for Financial Freedom." This is always a blessing to many as well as to our church. Our hope is that each of you would be faithful to the process and ultimately adopt a new lifestyle as stewards ["managers"] of the resources that God has entrusted into our care.

Let's grow!

First Timothy

STEWARDSHIP

It's More Than Money

My Five Offerings

1. Time
2. Talent
3. Treasure
4. Temple
5. Testimony

WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS

Owe no one anything except to love one another, for he who loves another has fulfilled the law. (Romans 13:8,NKJ)

But if anyone does not provide for his own, and especially for those of his household, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever. (1 Timothy 5:8,NKJ)

The rich rules over the poor, And the borrower is servant to the lender. (Proverbs 22:7,NKJ)

The wicked borrows and does not repay, But the righteous shows mercy and gives. (Psalm 37:21, NKJ)

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. (Matthew 6:24,NIV)

"Debt is the slavery of the free" ~ Publilius Syrus



Meet Jane Debt

\$500 medical bill (\$50 payment)
\$2,500 credit card debt (\$50 payment)
\$7,000 car loan (\$300 payment)
\$10,000 student loan (\$250 payment)
Total - \$20,000.00 (650.00)

Begin by paying the minimum due on everything and an additional \$50.00 on the smallest debt which is the medical bill. It is paid off in 5 months. Now pay \$150.00 per month on the credit card debt which is paid off in 12 months.

The next step is to pay \$450.00 to the car loan which is paid off in 5 months. Finally pay \$700.00 per month for 7 months. Jane Debt is out of debt in less than 3 years and has \$700.00 per month available to invest.

FASTING FOR FINANCIAL FREEDOM



A child with \$10 and no debt is wealthier than 25% of adults in America.

“Nothing gets you into debt faster than trying to keep up with people who are already there.”

William Shakespeare

How Will We Fast?

- Create an budget and follow it with intentionality. [Allocate 10% for God; 10% for savings; and 80% for living expenses.]
- Purchase only what is absolutely necessary (i.e. food, clothing, shelter, insurance, and transportation).
- Vow to create no new debt.
- Refrain from using credit card (debit cards permitted for budgeted items).
- Abstain from shopping.
- Do not loan or borrow money.
- Avoid recreational spending (i.e. dining out, fast food, coffee/ drinks, games, movies, and other entertainment).
- Practice discipline and exercise sound financial judgment.
- Read a money management article every day for the month.
- Trust God.

Change Nothing and Nothing Changes

WHERE DID ALL MY MONEY GO?

[List every non-essential that you purchased in August]



GOD (10%)		
"Bring all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be food in My house..." (Malachi 3:10,NKJ)		
SAVINGS (10%)		
"In the house of the wise are stores of choice food and oil, but a foolish man devours all he has." (Proverbs 1:20,NIV)		
LIVING EXPENSES (80%)		
"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." (Philippians 4:13,NKJ)		
Housing (mortgage/s or rent, taxes, insurance, repairs, etc.)	30-35%	
Transportation (automobile payments, gas, oil, repairs, insurance, parking and/or public transportation)	6-20%	
Utilities (gas, electricity, water, cable, Internet, etc.)	4-7%	
Food (groceries, pet food, dining out)	15-20%	
Medical (health/dental insurance, doctor bills & prescriptions)	2-8%	
Clothing (clothing, shoes, accessories & alterations)	4%	
Insurance (life & disability insurance)	2-5%	
Personal & Misc. (cosmetics/toiletries, hairdresser/barber)	5%	
Monthly installment debt	< 15%	

THE 10·10·80 *Rule*

And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work.

|| Corinthians 9: 8, NKJ



“Debt is a thief. It steals joy. It robs your peace of mind now, and it prevents you from reaching your goals in the future.”

Dave Ramsey

A SEASON OF SACRIFICE

Sunday, September 1, 2019 - The First Step

"Faith is taking the first step even when you don't see the whole staircase." [Martin Luther King, Jr.]

"The first step is always the hardest, but it's the only way to reach the second step." [Susan Gale]

"To obey is better than sacrifice."

1 Samuel 15:22, NIV

My average weekly offering to God is \$_____ which is _____% of my weekly earnings. Today I am going to make the first step in obedience. I am going to give God at least two percent more of my income than I give on average.

My offering today is \$_____ which is _____% of my weekly earnings.

The First Step

Sunday, September 1, 2019

Today's Offering \$ _____ _____ %

Sunday, September 8, 2019

Today's Offering \$ _____ _____ %

Sunday, September 15, 2019

Today's Offering \$ _____ _____ %

Sunday, September 22, 2019

Today's Offering \$ _____ _____ %

Sunday, September 29, 2019

Today's Offering \$ _____ _____ %

Sunday, October 1, 2019

Today's Offering \$ _____ _____ %

God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times,
having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.

II Corinthians 9:8, NIV

START
WHERE
YOU
ARE

#SYWA

“

Honor the LORD with your wealth
and with the firstfruits of all your
produce; then your barns will be
filled with plenty, and your vats will
be bursting with wine.”

Proverbs 3:9-10, ESV



FRESH

OCTOBER 27 @ 10 AM



MEN'S DISCIPLESHIP WEEKEND

SEPTEMBER 28-29



2019
FALL FEST

Coming in October



One Night Revival

OCTOBER 2 @ PM



Be Different
PEACEFUL REST

The Journey begins Sunday, October 6.
Text DISCIPLE to 318-225-7510 to register.

A silhouette of a person with their arms raised in a gesture of triumph or joy, set against a vibrant sunset sky with a bright sun on the left. The background transitions from a warm orange glow near the horizon to a clear blue sky above.

Yes!

#FREEATLAST

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SUPER SUNDAY

OCTOBER 6 @ 10 AM

NOVEMBER 2019

250 YEARS OF LIFE YEARS OF SERVICE



GUEST SPEAKERS

Pastor Alejandro R. Smith
Dr. F. D. Sampson
Bishop Joseph W. Walker, III





Soul Care

The Fall Preaching Series

SEPTEMBER 2019